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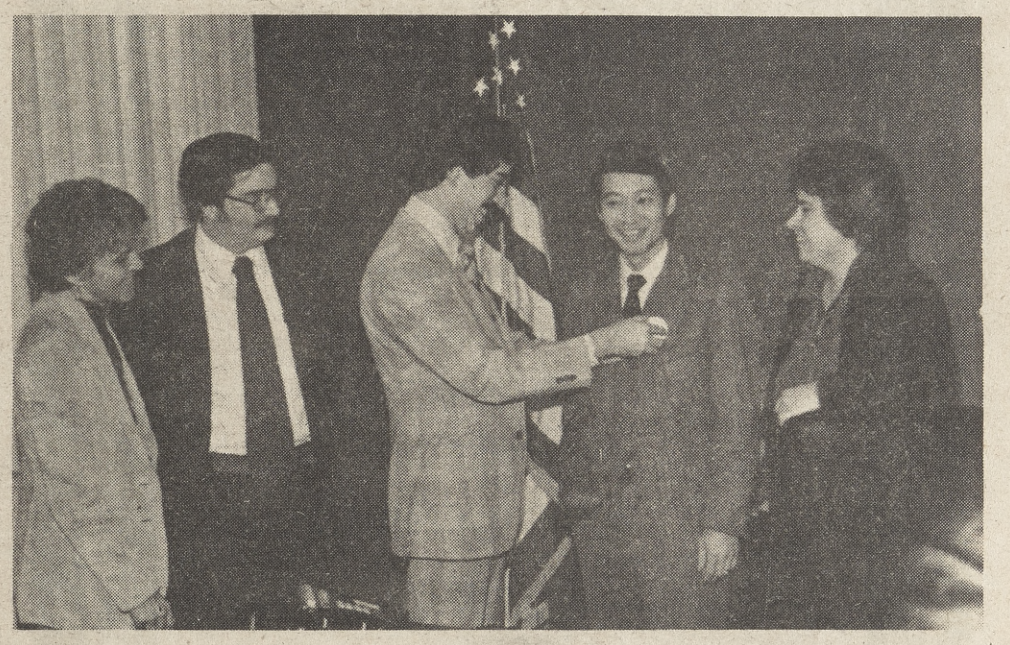
Matsui Co-Authors Rights Bill

Sacramento Congressman Robert Matsui has become the 53rd co-author of HR 2074, which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include gay people.

"It has been 12 years since the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," said Matsui, "and yet numerous classes of Americans, including gays, are still fighting to be freed from unwarranted and arbitrary discrimination. The time is long overdue to provide the necessary legal safeguards for gay people in Sacramento, as well as the estimated 20 million nationally."

By co-authoring the bill, Matsui fulfills a promise made while speaking to a group of gay rights supporters at the home of Gary Miller and Ron Bentley in the spring of 1978 when he first ran for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

Matsui made his intentions known by issuing a press release earlier in the same day that a group of Sacramento gays, joined by gay rights supporter Joan Reiss, visited him in his Sacramento office. Besides Reiss, the group included Human Rights Commissioners Linda Birner and Gary Miller, and California Human Rights Advocates Executive Director Alan Robertson.



Matsui also indicated that he would speak to fellow Sacramento Congressman Vic Fazio about co-authoring the bill also.

The group also spoke to Matsui about recent problems of gay aliens entering this country. Matsui indicated that he would co-author a bill amending the law to allow gays to enter the country.

Many community leaders, gay and non-gay alike, feel that Matsui is especially sensitive to minority concerns such as gay rights because he was one of many thousands of Japanese-Americans interned during the Second World Way. (Matsui has authored a bill giving reparations to those interned.)

Matsui and all other members of the House of Representatives are up for re-election this year. Matsui has hired gay rights supporter Clint Reilly to run his campaign this year. Beside running Matsui's campaign in 1978, Reilly also ran the infamous campaign for gay rights in Miami in 1977.

At one time, anti-gay Robert Lynch, former member of the Los Rios Community College Board, had announced his intentions to run against Matsui on the Libertarian Party ticket, but he has since dropped out of the race. Matsui seems to have a very safe seat for re-election in a very Democratic district.

Concerned Citizens Against Violence Meet With Butte Officials

As a result of the New Year's Eve attack on a gay men's party in Durham, 22 gay men and lesbians representing Concerned Citizens Against Violence met with Butte County Sheriff's Department officials and County Supervisor Jane Dolan on January 11. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Sheriff's Department's response to the incident and relations between the Sheriff's Department and the lesbian/gay community.

Representing the Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Larry Gillick, Lt. Terry Korton and Lt. Richard Brush.

While there was some discussion about the discrepancies between the number and times of calls the Sheriff's Department claims to have received and the and the number and times of calls guests at the party claim to have made, the main feeling of the meeting was, as one gay man who was at the party stated, "I don't think that the Sheriff's response was the problem, the problem was that it (the attack) happened in the first place."

The incident was the most violent example of harassment of gays in recent years. The consensus of the meeting was that the only way to stop such harassment is through education of the community and committment on the part of local law enforcement agencies that the investigation of such attacks will be pursued. As Lt. Korton said, "The investigation is still open," and will remain open until it is complete. Concerned Citizens Against Violence strongly urges those involved in the incident in any way to come forth and make a statement to further expedite the investigation.

According to Sheriff Gillick, "I ensure you the full cooperation of the Butte County Sheriff's Department at all times." Concerned Citizens Against Violence will continue to work with the Sheriff's Department on way to handle and prevent any possible future attacks on lesbians/gay men.

In an effort to educate the community about the incident, five members of Concerned Citizens Against Violence addressed the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, January 15. Representing local gay and non-gay groups were Gary Sereno-Regis from the Butte County Fellowship, Pete DeGeorge from Concerned Citizens Against Violence, Lisa Todd from the Chico Feminist Women's Health Center, Melanie Martin from Lesbian/Gay Cause of Butte County, and Lisa Buckner from the Gay People's Union.

All five called for a resolution from the Board condemning the unprovoked attack against gay people. Without the slightest hesitation, Supervisor Winston moved that the Board go on record as opposing violence against anyone. The resolution passed unanimously. Chairman Lemke said, "This Board cannot condone violence for any reason, especially against individual groups."

Six Gays Beaten in Chico Attack

At least six gay men were brutally beaten in an unprovoked attack by 12-15 youths on a private New Year's Eve party in Durham, near Chico. As a result of the attack, several party-goers required emergency medical treatment and the house and its contents suffered considerable damage.

The incident began when three uninvited youths entered the party and harassed the guests with shouts of "goddamn faggots" and "queers." After repeatedly having been asked to leave, the youths assaulted one of the guests outside the house before leaving.

Because of the severity of the attack, law enforcement officials were immediately called. Before they arrived, the youths returned with about a dozen others. The violence resumed and several guests suffered serious injuries.

Since the incident, continuing property damage and verbal assaults have forced the resident and party host to move from his home in Durham.

The individuals involved have not been named because they fear further danger.

Ed Cleary of the Gay People's Union said, "This is not an isolated incident. In the past, our dances have been interrupted and the people harassed."

According to Melanie Martin of Lesbian/Gay Cause of Butte County, "Butte County is not unique in the attacks on lesbians and gay men. As the violence of these attacks increases, we are no longer content to passively accept this harrassment."

Steps are being taken to discourage further incidents of violence against gays. Members of the gay community and supporters have aligned to form Concerned Citizens Against Violence. The group met with representatives from the Butte County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol on January 11. On January 15, the group addressed the issue at the meeting of the Butte County Board of Supervisors in Oroville.

Matsui Refuses Pay Hike

Reiterating his opposition to a pay increase Congress granted itself before the close of the First Session, U.S. Congressman Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced on January 8 that he will return his share to the U.S. Treasury.

"As a new member of Congress, it would be improper and unjustifiable for me to accept the increase," said Matsui. He added, "The Federal government has asked taxpayers to tighten their belts and do their part to fight inflation. The American public expects nothing less than the same from those who represent them in public office."

The House granted itself a 5.5 percent pay increase late last year, amounting to a gross annual increase of $3,163 for each member of Congress. After taxes and other deductions, Matsui's increase is $114.29 per month.

Southside Park Murder

The Southside Park was recently the scene of a unprovoked murder. The victim had no identification on his person. He is described by Sacramento P.D. as a male caucasian between 18-25 years of age. He had a mustache and goatee and recently underwent extraction of four front teeth. His gums had not yet healed underneath his temporary teeth. If anyone has information to this man's identification, please contact the Sacramento Police Department at 449-5688.

Anti-Gay "Christians" Call For Half-Million Letters to Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In yet another fundraising appeal filled with strident and offensive language, "Christian Voice" has called on "concerned Christians" to flood Congress with letters opposing the national lesbian/gay civil rights bill in the House, H.R. 2074.

"Christian Voice" cited both the March on Washington and the record number of co-sponsors on the Weiss-Waxman bill as reasons for launching their first organized letter-writing campaign to Congress on the issue. Rev. Robert Grant, spokesperson for Christian Voice, said, "If the homosexuals can impress Congress with 100,000 marchers, then we must impress Congress with 500,000 letters from concerned Christians."

He further stated, "Gary Jarmin (CV lobbyist) has stressed to me again that we are not generating enough volume of mail to Congress to be successful in our legislative battles."

The Christian Voice literature also included a quote from Rev. Jery Falwell ("God didn't create Adam and Steve, but Adam and Eve."), prompting Adam DeBaugh, who is both GRNL Board member and Metropolitan Community Church's representative on Capitol Hill, to speculate whether Falwell was referring to himself and Steve Endean, lobbyist for Gay Rights National Lobby.

"Christian Voice" is not the only anti-gay lobby now on Capitol Hill. The "Moral Majority," directed by Rev. Falwell, has also begun operation with strong anti-gay attacks.

In the December issue of the Moral Majority Report, they say (in reference to H.R. 2074), **"It is commonly known that some militant homosexuals will use their positions as teachers to recruit and convince others — an activity which will be in direct opposition to the moral beliefs of many parents."**

They also state, "Therefore, if this bill (gay civil rights bill) is passed, it will set a precedent for our society. Imagine giving child molesters and rapists special preference in the law because they too have a bizarre sexual preference." The Moral Majority Report called on its readership of 90,000 persons (apparently mostly pastors who are expected to pass the message on to their congregations) to write Congress.

Steve Endean, lobbyist for the Gay Rights National Lobby said, "It is easy to laugh at the outrageous, preposterous statements in these appeals, but "Christian Voice" and the "Moral Majority" have the ability to deliver on their threats of constituent letters and that's just no joking matter. To our knowledge, this is their first major attempt to generate constituent mail to Congress. If it is successful (and their lists are massive), such a massive influx of mail could badly distort a Congressperson's perception of public sentiment on the issue, have a chilling effect on our progress and encourage negative amendments to various non-related bills on the floor of both the House and the Senate."

To help combat these blatant lies and attempts to persuade Congress of their truth, gay people should write letters to their Senators and Representatives, urging them to read carefully and support the gay rights bills (Weiss-Waxman in the House of Representatives and Tsongas in the Senate) now before Congress. This and every issue of **Mom ... Guess What!** lists Representatives and Senators and their addresses.

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FROM THE INSIDE OUT

The Success of the March

The March on Sacramento for Lesbian and Gay Rights, the first major gay rights event of the 1980's, is now history. The gay community, its friends and supporters, and the whole country, owe an enormous debt of gratitude to those who worked so hard to organize the March, to those who marched, to those who supported it behind the scenes, and to those who gave so generously of their time, money, skills, talents, and personal power to make this tremendous statement in favor not only of gay rights but of essential human rights of all people.

Whatever the actual immediate legislative outcome, there can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the March was a success. A demonstration that draws several thousand women and men, gay and non-gay, from all over the state and beyond, to spend three or four hours marching in torrential rain and then to stay for a rally that few of us could hear, has to be counted successful. It was a dramatic statement of our message: the time has come to protect and ensure lesbian and gay rights.

Everyone, I suppose, expected to see the large contingents from San Francisco and Los Angeles; everyone expected to hear the major gay spokespeople—Robin Tyler, Troy Perry, Josette Mondanaro, Morris Kight—and the non-gay legislators and activists—Art Agnos, Flo Kennedy, Milton Marks.

But it was especially good to see so many people that were perhaps not so predictable, people who conceivably have more to lose by making such a public statement—the groups from Shasta, Butte, Yuba and Sutter counties, Gays Under 21, Third World/lesbians and gay men.

It was good to see gay parents marching with their children, to see Parents and Friends of Gays, and to see MCC, Dignity, and other gay religious groups counteracting by their participation the pernicious propaganda spread by anti-gay so-called "Christians" with their hate-filled, flame-emblazoned signs and banners.

The March and the lobbying effort the next day by the 300 people who stayed to speak personally to legislators showed more clearly than ever before the gay community's committment to the human rights struggle. The subsequent passage of AB 1 in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee showed that something had been achieved. But the narrow defeat of SB 18 in the Senate Industrial Relations Committee showed that the fight is not over. We must renew and maintain our committment, to keep the ground we have won so far and to advance to eventual victory.

James K. Graham, Editor

Arts Supplement Is Not Dead

The **Mom . . . Guess What!** creative arts supplement has had some trouble keeping its head above water, first for a lack of contributions, then from a misunderstanding about what sorts of contributions we were looking for, and now because the editor has had to resign because of the press of prior commitments.

The arts supplement is not dead, however. We have been very encouraged by a number of very fine contributions of poetry, short stories, and photographs, and we are now aiming for an April publication date.

We are still looking for contributions, and will accept submissions until March 15. The purpose of the supplement is to give local people a chance to share their work with their community. Consequently, we are not expecting professional quality work. On the other hand, contributions that do not show some care in their preparation and some imagination in their creation do not reflect the best efforts of their authors, nor do they provide very rewarding reading.

For the time being, **MGW** Editor James Graham is acting as editor of the creative arts supplement. Prospective contributors should call or write him in care of **Mom . . . Guess What!**, or at home (442-8683).

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2. Items should be typed, double-spaced, and should conform as closely as possible to the form of the calendar in the paper.
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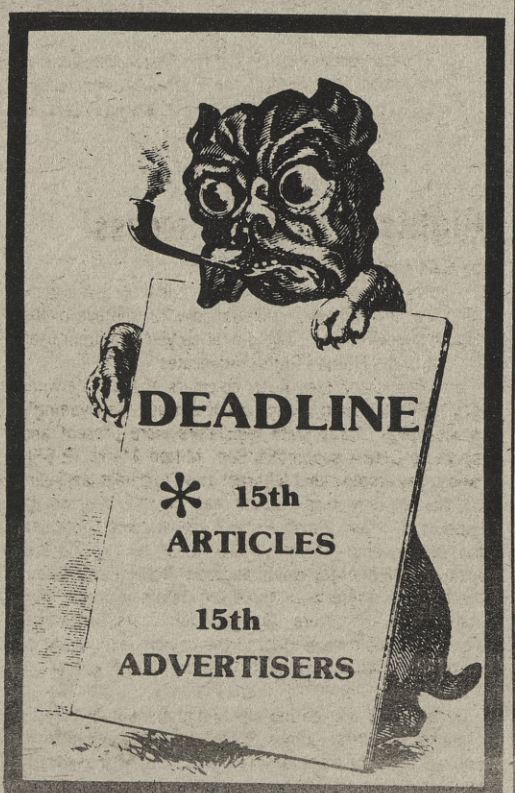


UNDER THE DOME

Gay Bills Win In Assembly, Lose In Senate

AB1 was approved by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee in an 11 to 5 vote on January 15. The vote cleared the way for the bill's sponsor, Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-S.F.), to take it to the Assembly floor for debate and voting.

On the following day, however, the Senate Industrial Relations Committee voted four to three against SB 18, Senator David Roberti's (D-L.A.) identical measure. That vote killed SB 18 for this term.

Since each bill must pass both houses of the Legislature to become law, the vote against SB 18 virtually ensured that gay people will not be extended legal protection against discrimination in employment this year.

Both bills would extend to lesbians and gay men the protection of the Fair Employment Practices Act, which now prohibits discrimination by employers on the basis of race, religion, marital status, age, physical handicaps, and gender. The measures sponsored by Agnos and Roberti would broaden the law to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. Violators of the law could be liable for civil damages up to $10,000. Organizations with religious affiliations, such as schools and hospitals, would be exempt.

Republican Senator Ray Johnson of Chico was one of the anti-gay-rights majority in the Senate committee. Another was Senator Joseph Montoya (D-L.A.), who said that he opposed the bill because it would have "a tendency to impact upon the Latin minority community and keep us in the back of the bus."

Libertarian: You May Be One

by Richard Cartiere

You may be a Libertarian and not even know it. If you believe in being able to do whatever you want without being harrassed or regulated by government, if you believe in deregulating business, thought about supporting the "Jarvis II" initiative to cut state income tax in half, already voted for Proposition Thirteen, and even considered decriminalizing the victimless crimes like prostitution, you may want to register as a Libertarian for this year's ballot.

Libertarianism is a blanket philosophy that is based on the idea of total individual liberty. It can encompass the far right as well as the far left. It can bring together the middle class whites who don't want their taxes used to support the welfare system with poor blacks and chicanos who want to build their own economic and cultural communities into thriving centers independent from white domination.

The diversity is apparent when you look at two people like city councilman Jim Stevens (from Davis) and Steve Sparling who is Vice Chairman of the Libertarian Party in Northern California. Stevens, a self-proclaimed Libertarian, recently said that "just like no one would be forced to hire someone who smells, no one should have to hire someone who is a homosexual." Sparling, who is gay, told this reporter that "we all need to just be left alone. You can't go to the government to regulate your lives. That only creates problems. In fact, that is the crux of the problem. Anti-discrimination laws are entirely unenforceable."

To Stevens and Sparling the solution of the world's problems lies in allowing people to live their lives as they want, with whatever prejudices they have, with whatever money they make, without any regulated responsibility for those in the welfare system; all this as long as no harm is done directly to anyone.

Libertarians are proponents of the free enterprise system to the extreme. A group of Libertarians calling themselves the Social Options Research Foundation is looking to buy an island "on which to form a sovereign nation." According to Sandy Sandfort, head of Social Options, the "island would be true to Libertarian principles and would have a minimal form of government. Gays, as well as any one else, would be free to live their lives there as they choose."

As reported in an earlier issue of **Mom. . . Guess What!** many gay people have very heavily involved themselves with the Libertarian Party. Recently qualified as an official party on the 1980 ballot with its own presidential candidate, Ed Clark, the party has increased their registered membership over 700% in the last six months, with a large concentration of that coming out of the gay areas of San Francisco, according to a spokesmar for the party.

With the emergence of gay people into the political process this year, Steve Sparling spoke out about what the Libertarian Party might have to offer gays. "In the long run I have to say this: that the only way gay people will ever win freedom will be in their own pride and respect. There's no way you can legislate that. Governor Brown is making a show of support for gay rights. His Executive Order banning discrimination by state government of homosexuals is for show. The truth of the matter is that his order has had no effect on gay rights at all other than to bring the matter up for discussion.

"AB 1 is a complete distraction from the real issue. If someone doesn't want to hire a gay he's going to find a way around it. You simple can't force associations on people. What needs to be done is to create an environment that allows everyone to live their own life in whatever way they choose."

Sparling explained that gay people discriminate just as much as straight people do. "When I go into a gay bar I don't expect to find straight women there, or straight men. That's natural. Gay people should apply the same character they expect straights to have to themselves."

"The gay community takes great care of itself and has the potential to do even more. George Sand was a perfect example of that self-help. The irony of AB 1 is that people can pretty much take care of themselves. The problem is when one group or the other is allowed to live in a somewhat 'superior' position over the other. And government is what institutionalizes that. Perfect examples are the INS and the military. Both have recently regulated discrimination. And if anyone should not be allowed to discriminate it must be the government since they represent all the people, not one particular group."

Sparling's somewhat unusual ideas grew out of the objectivist philosophy espoused by Ayn Rand, although he admits she would be the last to admit that. Sparling was an avid "follower" of Rand during the sixties. Many other Libertarians were reading her at the same time he was. "It was from her readings that I learned the virtue of selfishness. I didn't read her because I was gay, but I learned how to be gay by reading her. I didn't need to have society's approval and therefore saw no reason to try and legislate that approval."

Sparling now lives in Nevada City where he actively pursues propagating Libertarian ideas. "We've got Jim McClain running for office in the first congressional district. I may even decide to run against State Senator Ray Johnson."

On the future of gays in the party, Sparling says "gay people will not be able to look to the Libertarian Party as a gay political tool. That would defeat our purpose. They should look to see how the Libertarian idea applies to their being gay while simultaneously allowing someone like Jim Stevens to be who he is."

Presidential Campaign Update

by Gary Miller

Within the past month Sen. Ted Kennedy promised to sign an executive order, if elected president, to ban discrimination against gays in federal employment and said that he would work towards a gay plank in the 1980 Democratic National Platform. Further, in answering a questionnaire from the National Gay Task Force, Kennedy said he would be "committed to nominate people to official positions who have been victimized by arbitrary discrimination," which would include gay people.

The Carter administration has found itself in much trouble with the gay community this past month because of its efforts to prevent alien gays from entering and visiting this country. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has sent letters to American embassies abroad to deny visas to gays.

However, one important aspect of Carter's feminist stand omitted from last month's analysis is the fact that he is against a constitutional amendment forbidding abortions. Furthermore, besides appointing Jean O'Leary to an important position in the administration, as mentioned last month, Carter also has placed lesbian Dianne Abbitt on the International Women's Year Continuing Committee.

Brown continues to be visible on gay issues by campaigning to gay groups in Iowa and throughout the country.

There have been no changes for gays and feminists among the Republican candidates.

In the Peace and Freedom Party, three major candidates are rumored to be trying for that party's nomination in California-Barry Commoner, who already has the nomination of the Citizen's Party; Gus Hall, who has run in previous elections as the nominee of the American Communist Party; and gay pacifist David McReynolds. More about McReynolds next month.

National Convention Project Works for Gay Impact

The National Convention Project is a nationwide, cooperative gay political lobbying effort to insure maximum gay influence on the plans of all political parties and candidates. One way it hopes to do this is by getting lesbians and gay men elected as delegates to the presidential nominating conventions to fight for gay rights planks in the party platforms.

To encourage and facilitate maximum participation by lesbians and gay men throughout the country, the Project has issued the following statement about its plans and goals.

Some people are working hard to help make 1980 a big year for gay rights. We're hoping that one or both of the major political parties will include a strong gay rights plank in their party platforms.

The National Convention Project feels that to make this happen will require more than behind-the-scene dealings with candidates. If they are to take us seriously, they must see that gay people are active and involved, and that gay rights is a real issue throughout the country.

In the end, we hope that the amount of discussion and media coverage given to gay rights will serve as the needed backdrop to a decision on a gay rights plank for party platforms. In the absence of numerous activities designed to make the candidates talk about us in 1980, we feel our chances of winning a platform fight are limited.

The National Convention Project will be doing what it can to make them talk about us in 1980. Here are a few suggestions about how local groups can do the same thing.

Direct Question Approach

Candidates are appearing at forums, rallies, and fundraisers continuously. Gays should attend, and get in a position to ask questions directly of the candidates. It certainly is preferable to have the media around when the questions are asked. If only media representatives are permitted (as in press conferences), one of them might be persuaded to ask a gay rights question.

Public Demonstration Approach

Sometimes the best way to get attention is to demonstrate at rallies and other events. A few highly visible signs might make an impression on the candidates and on the media as well. It's always good to get your hands on the candidate's itinerary so the demonstration can be stragetically held to maximize publicity and exposure.

Questionnaire Approach

Composing questionnaires for candidates has a rich tradition for local gay political efforts. The same approach is worthwhile for the presidential campaign. There's nothing wrong with a candidate getting questionnaires from throughout the country. It would demonstrate that we are active and involved. Besides that, you can use their answers (or non-answers) to put out a press release for the local media.

Invitations Approach

Events such as charitable fundraisers, voter registration drives, and community center openings are good opportunities to invite the candidates. They love nothing better than an audience, and if their campaign office doesn't have to make all the arrangements, it's even better. Sometimes, they might send a representative, but that's better than nothing. Be sure, however, that the media are there.

Handshake Approach

With a little imagination (and sometimes a few bucks), you can find yourself in a candidate reception line. Nothing is likely to impress a candidate more than a person-to-person exchange on gay rights. After all, the candidate may never have spoken to an openly gay person before.

Indirect Leverage Approach

We all have non-gay political friends in our communities who might be asked to put pressure on the candidates they support. We might offer our assistance in campaigns provided they communicate our concerns to the candidates themselves. We can hold out offers of assistance in fundraising and other events as means of getting candidates to address our issues.

This list is only suggestive. With some imagination, there are numerous ways to get presidential candidates to talk about us in 1980.

By the way, even if you suspect a candidate will be negative, the Convention Project feels it's good to confront the candidate anyway. In the past, candidates who started off with very negative positions have modified them as time goes on.

Each candidate needs a starting point. And that starting point is to begin to talk about us in 1980.

If we can be of any help, give us a call: National Convention Project, 1606 17th St. N.W., (202) 462-4255. National Co-Directors are Mary Spottswood Pou and Tom Bastow.

The tremendous success of the March Weekend's events was largely due to the unflagging efforts of the dedicated members of the statewide organizing committee who coordinated it all: Joyce Azelton, Jok Church, Kory White, Clere Jones, Keren Peters, and Adam Ciesielski.

Rights Dinner A Success

by Gary Miller

Approximately 100 people attended a $25-a-plate dinner at the Holiday Inn on January 12, the eve of the March on Sacramento. The dinner served as a fundraiser for California Human Rights Advocates.

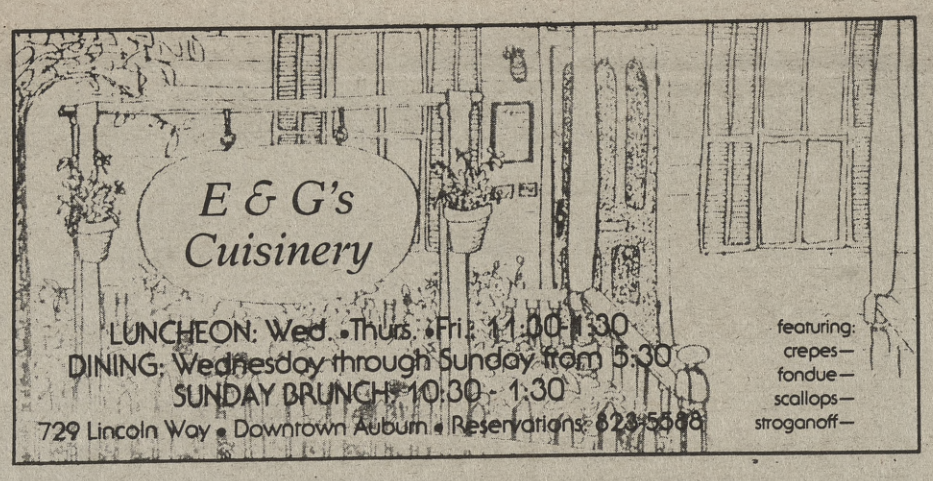
Jim Boone and Lisa Katz, co-chairs of the state-wide gay rights lobbying organization, emceed the evening's proceedings. Three state legislators were present and spoke to CHRA supporters Sen. Milton Marks (R-SF), whose gay employment bill went down to defeat last year, felt that "if only people would read the bill, they would support it." Sen. David Roberti (D-LA) was confident that his gay employment bill (SB 18) up for hearing the following Wednesday would succeed. Roberti also noted the fact that there were three legislators present, and many more supporters, but just ten years ago most legislators would have ignored the gay community. Also present was Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-SF), author of AB1.

CHRA voted at an earlier meeting to present an award, named after its first lobbyist Steve Badeau, to a legislator who has done the most for gay rights. This year's award went to Assemblyman Agnos. Agnos, in accepting the award, cautioned the gay community not to forget that it was Assemblyman Willie Brown (D-SF) who got the consensual sex bill through the legislature with the help of gay lobbyist George Raya.

Also attending the dinner were Larry Briskin, representing Sen. Alan Sieroty (D-LA); Karen Peters, state chair of the National Organization for Women; and David Scott, gay former candidate for mayor of San Francisco.

Alan Robertson, Executive Director of CHRA, told the diners that he had found out just that day that Gray Davis, Gov. Brown's aide, would be marching with other gay rights supporters the next day. (Not only did Davis march, but so did Congressman John Burton (D-SF), making him the first Congressman to march in any gay rights activity. Burton has long been a supporter of gay rights, beginning when he was a member of the State Assembly and co-authored the Willie Brown Consensual Sex Bill.)

Entertainment at the dinner was provided by Robin Tyler, who encouraged gay men to be just as active in the feminist movement as women are in the gay rights movement.



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NEWSBRIEFS....

by R. Ruman

SACRAMENTO MURDER

Thomas Thompson, a 28-year-old resident of a downtown hotel, has been arrested in charges of shooting and killing Gregory Lee Andrews, 27. Police said the two men had been involved in a fist fight in the Topper Club at 12th and K streets. Thompson allegedly left the bar and returned to wait outside with a small caliber handgun. When Andrews left the bar, he was shot in the lower abdomen at point-blank range.

SPEAK UP!

According to the National Gay Task Force, one of the most effective ways to help persuade broadcasters to upgrade the images they present of lesbians and gay men is to let them know you found a specific program either praiseworthy or offensive. Address letters to the national networks or your local station.

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GRNL URGES SENATE BILL SUPPORT

The Gay Rights National Lobby is urging gay people to help pass S-2081, the Senate gay rights bill recently introduced by Massachusetts Democrat Paul Tsongas. "Our ability to advance national lesbian/gay civil rights legislation is directly related to the cooperation we maintain with grassroots activists around the country," says GRNL lobbyist Steve Endean. For more information contact Gay Rights National Lobby at 1606 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 462-4255.

DISCHARGED BY ARMY; GAY FACES MURDER TRIAL

Robert Custinger, 21-year-old former army private, has now been charged with first degree murder. Cutsinger was arrested after the December 14 shooting death of his roommate, 29-year-old Larry D. Duerksen. Bail was set at $250,000.

SUSPECTED GAY IS "PAROLED" IN THE US

Mexican dress designer Jaime Chavez was detained by immigration officials in San Francisco because "he had remnants of make-up on his face and two women's diamond engagement rings on his fingers," said Immigration Director David Ilchert. When inspectors opened his suitcases they found dresses which Chavez said he had designed for his San Francisco hostess Patricia Volti. Chavez was ultimately "paroled" into the country and permitted to spend the rest of his San Francisco vacation with friends. Ilchert noted that until new guidelines are drawn up, all suspected homosexuals entering the US will have to chose between going home immediately and being paroled into the country. The paroling process gives them a permanent record that could prevent future entries.

CRANSTON WOULD END HARRASSMENT OF FOREIGN GAYS

Senator Alan Cranston plans to introduce legislation to eliminate the provision of the Immigration and Naturalization Act that bars foreigners suspected of being gay from entering the U.S. Speaking to the Metropolitan Educational Council of Los Angeles, Cranston said, "The best way to handle a bad law is to get rid of it." He added that passage of the bill would not come easily because "there is a lot of medieval thinking on this subject in Congress."

SF POLICE TO RECRUIT MORE GAYS

Newly-appointed San Francisco Police Chief Cornelius P. Murphy has announced a campaign to attract more gay men and lesbians into the police department there. Les Morgan will coordinate the "Gay Outreach" program, a privately financed program which will include advertisements in gay publications across the country. None of the gays now in the academy have made their sexual preference known publicly, although some have indicated they may come out after they are respected professionals. Said one: "What I'm going to do is pick the meanest, biggest redneck on the force for a best friend. Then, when you out-macho him, out-run him; when he thinks you're the last person on earth who'd be gay — you break the news to him."

CARTER TO PUSH FOR ERA

President Carter has promised that neither he nor cabinet members would venture into the 15 states that have not voted for ratification without mentioning the Equal Rights Amendment. He also promised to take other actions as part of a vigorous campaign to increase the administration's role in the ratification drive.

ADOPTION FOR GAY PAIR

In Milwaukee, a 21-year-old gay man has adopted his lover, 23. The father, who asked that his name not be used, said that adoption was the best and most economical way to achieve their goal. The pair wanted to make each other heirs without drafting a will, and share each other's last name without hiring a lawyer. "I suppose we could have flown to California and gotten married," said one, "but that would have been expensive. And this is better. Adoption is more permanent than marriage."

DEMOCRATS' GAY WING ENDORSES KENNEDY

Although California Governor Jerry Brown drew high praise at a caucus of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, many members argued that the governor's candidacy is going nowhere, and urged adoption of a realistic strategy in the presidential contest. Brown received eight of 60 votes on the first ballot. On a second vote—on whether to support Kennedy or make no endorsement—the senator won 28 to 27.

LESBIAN WINS CUSTODY BATTLE

A Wilmington, Delaware, woman has been granted temporary custody of her child despite a petition from her parents claiming that she was incapable of caring for her four-year-old child because she is a lesbian. The woman's attorney said Family Court Judge Robert W. Wakefield apparently decided not to consider the mother's sexuality in making his ruling.

UCB FEMINISTS PROTEST PORN

A coalition of Berkeley area women's groups was successful in ending showings of **Misty Beethoven** on the UCB campus. The women linked arms and lined the entrance to Boalt Hall where the film was being shown. Movie goers were greeted with taunts of "nice ass," "funny balls," and "woman-hater."

ACLU TO HANDLE PORN CASE

Cincinnati police confiscated $100 worth of books being held on sale in the Alley Cat bar in that city. The bar owner was cited for "possession of lewd and/or pornographic material." The books? **Loving Someone Gay, The Front Runner, Consenting Adult, The Joy of Gay Sex,** and **A Parent's Guide to Homosexuality.** The American Civil Liberties Union agreed to take the case after police refused to return the books — which are sold in straight bookstores throughout the city.

GAY IRANIANS

According to the International Gay Association, gay Iranians in the US who face deportation may be able to use their homosexuality as a defense against deportation. Because of the execution of gay men in Iran in 1979, openly gay Iranian students may be able to assert that they would be in danger by returning to their homeland. A hardship petition may be successful in delaying or defeating deportation under these circumstances says IGA.

MINNESOTA MAN WINS DISCRIMINATION CASE

The Minnesota Commission on Civil Rights has notified Tim Campbell that he is entitled to receive two years' back pay and other compensation from the Minnesota Chemical Dependency Association, because he suffered discrimination based on his sexual orientation. Campbell was awarded $28,000 in back pay, $500 in punitive damages, $769 for interest and $1578 to cover legal fees.

KENNEDY PLEDGES GAY SUPPORT

Senator Edward Kennedy has promised to sign an executive order banning discrimination against homosexuals if he is elected president, according to the National Gay Task Force. As for nominating homosexuals for federal appointments, Kennedy says he is "committed to nominate people to official positions who have been victimized by arbitrary discrimination."

THE HOMOSQUAD

Americans arriving in Holland were approached by members of the Dutch Association for the Integration of Homosexuality who dressed as policemen and asked arriving passengers, "Are you homosexual or heterosexual?" The group had borrowed the uniforms to dramatize their protest against US attempts to keep homosexual visitors out of the United States. A spokesman for the group said many passengers were sympathetic when told about the reason for the protest.

BROWN GETS GAY MONEY

Governor Jerry Brown's aides estimate that he collected nearly $20,000 in gay campaign contributions from a December 4 reception at the Twin Peaks home of Attorney Jerome Berg. Guests at the event were entertained by the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band.

"Christian Women" Protest Yuba College GPU

A group calling itself Christian Women Today has petitioned Yuba College President Daniel Walker to "reconsider" allowing a club of homosexuals on the Linda campus.

In a cover letter, group chairman Marion Peterson asks that the "convictions" of the more than 400 persons who signed the petition be "seriously considered" and that the college reconsider allowing the Gay Peoples Union of Yuba College to continue to exist on the campus.

But Walker on January 9 told district trustees there is little he can do.

"Our instructions from our legal staff are quite explicit. They (the gay students) must be treated as any other campus organization," the college president said.

Copies of the petition were mailed January 8 to Walker, all seven college trustees, state Senator Ray Johnson, Assemblyman Eugene Chappie and state Sen. John Briggs, author of an anti-Gay Rights initiative last year.

(Marysville-Yuba City **Appeal-Democrat**)

MUSIC

Harpist A Sensation With Sacramento Symphony

Review by James K. Graham

Virtuoso harpist Nicanor Zabaleta, playing the **Harp Concerto** by Alberto Ginastera, practically stole the show at the Sacramento Symphony's January 12 and 13 concerts. Music Director Carter Nice also conducted the Symphony in pieces by J.S. Bach and Serge Prokofiev.

Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera completed his **Concerto for Harp and Orchestra** in 1965; Nicanor Zabaleta gave the premiere performance with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra. The piece is one that might well be characterized as an "Ormandy-Philadelphia special:" colorful, appealing, rhythmical, modern but not too far out.

Ginastera uses a fairly standard Classical orchestra in the string and wind departments, but calls for 28 percussion instruments—and often uses the solo harp percussively as well. The result, however, is not the sort of "holiday for percussion" that one might expect; this array of percussion accentuates the work's characteristically South American rhythms and adds color rather than just banging and clanging.

The **Harp Concerto** seldom pits the solo harp against the full orchestra; when it does, the solo instrument is usually inaudible. More often, the soloist and orchestra alternate, as in the extended harp solo that opens the last movement, or the soloist is accompanied by a smaller group from the orchestra, as in the static, mysterious, mesmeric second movement. There, the solo flute, oboe, clarinet, and bassoon beautifully complement the solo harp.

Zabaleta is the complete master of his instrument, and demonstrated its many voices and moods during the **Concerto.** He then rewarded the delighted audience for its enthusiastic applause with a sonata by the 18th century composer Matteo Albeniz as an encore, played with dazzling grace and elegance.

The **Suite No. 3 in D Major** by J.S. Bach opened the program. Some of Zabaleta's grace and elegance was sorely needed here. Nice's conducting of the Bach confirmed what his performance of Handel's **Messiah** in December had led me to suspect: he has no sense of Baroque style. With too large a string section and overly legato phrasing, the music was practically embalmed. Mushy and underarticulated, it lacked vitality.

This third suite is quite brilliant, with three trumpets, two oboes, and tympani added to the basic string band. From the very first, where they should splendidly ring out, the trumpets were a disaster, blatting like taxi horns at rush hour and unable to keep up in the faster passages.

The problem is not that the Sacramento Symphony cannot play Baroque music—it did so very well under former Music Director Harry Newstone. Perhaps influenced by Leopold Stokowski, in whose American Symphony he played for several years, Carter Nice plays Bach as if it were Tchaikovsky, and the result is appalling.

The **Symphony No. 5 in B Flat** by Serge Prokofiev concluded the program. There seem to be two basic approaches to Prokofiev's music—one that emphasizes an essential classicism underlying the huge orchestra and the wrenching dissonances, the other emphasizing brute strength and musical iconoclasm. I prefer the former approach; Nice apparently favors the latter.

I found it to be a brutal performance, too loud, bassheavy, shapeless, and sludgy. Only the last part of the third movement approached the kind of clarity the entire symphony needed. Conductor Nice apparently was striving for power; what he got was virtually raw noise. He was trying to emphasize the music's grotesque elements; what he got was scrappy playing. Here again, it seems, the conductor attempted to over-interpret rather than concentrating on playing the music well (which the Symphony surely is capable of) and letting it speak for itself.

The Sacramento Symphony's next program, on Saturday, February 2 at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, February 3 at 3 p.m., and Monday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m., will feature both a guest conductor and a guest soloist. Jose Serebrier, who won acclaim as a guest last season, will conduct the "Hungarian March" from **The Damnation of Faust** by Berlioz, the **Piano Concerto No. 5** (**"Egyptian"**) by Saint-Saens, and the **Symphony No. 1** by Mahler. American pianist Lorin Hollander will solo in the Saint-Saens concerto. Ticket information is available from the Sacramento Symphony office, 488-0800.

OFF THE RECORD — POP RECORDS

Low Tide in the Wading Pool

Reviewed by R. Ruman

Peter Hammill: pH 7. Polydor/Charisma CA-1-2205

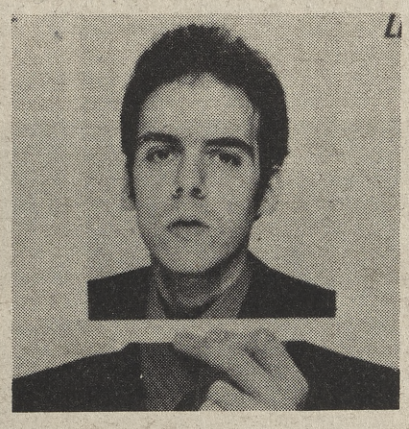
If a new wave in pop music still exists, then Peter Hammill must be caught in the musical equivalent of the undertow. But it is the listener who suffers the effects, who is pulled down and dragged through compositions which for the most part re-hash techniques that have already been around much too long.

Hammill uses electronically modified chanting as a replacement for singing. And, when he actually sings, he is very careful to remain off key. Too many arrangements feature only the synthesizer, and have the upbeat tempo of a funeral dirge.

When he abandons these apparent afectations, Hammill can be a quite mediocre balladeer as in "My Favorite," or a terribly didactic bore, as in "Handicap and Equality."

I get the feeling that he recorded the witty and upbeat "Polaroid" which closes out side one, and then, suffering guilt pangs, tried to atone for it by recording the rest of the album.

I really like to encourage those who try something new—but only if it is something new and good.



In the Driver's Seat But Not In Control

Sniff 'n' the Tears: **Fickle Heart.** Atlantic SD 19242

For this musically excellent six man group, rock music is not happy "Cruisin' with my baby" stuff. In their rather sardonic view, rock 'n' roll is just a seamy escape from an even seamier and more boring life. There is little hard rock here, but plenty of hard feelings or, worse, a compiete lack of them.

Vocalist and songwriter Paul Roberts has a whiskey-soaked voice that scrapes along every note in the manner of Joe Cocker or Tom Waits. Nowhere is it used to better advantage than on "The Thrill of It All." Here Roberts, in his world-weariest of voices, tells a younger man that he was born to miss the thrill of it all. He wasn't born too late, mind you, didn't simply miss the good old days, but was born **to** miss them.

On "Last Dance," Roberts is either attempting to out-Dylan Dylan, or is imitating Donovan in the "Try and Catch the Wind" days. Still, not a bad tune.

After listening to these songs about people who are either lost or lonely or drugged and dragged or sliding through life it is just a little dis-concerting to hear on the album's final cut: "The key to the future is held by the people like you, people like me." One would hope that the key to the future would be held by people who spend a little less time subjecting the tears of life to microscopic analysis, and a little more time wiping them away.

She Loves You, Nyah, Nyah, Nyah

John Hiatt: **Slug Line.** MCA3088

John Hiatt appears to be a gifted fellow. He writes clever songs with witty lyrics and catchy music. But, with the possible exception of "Radio Girl," none of those songs have 'hit single' written all over them.

After one listens to the album several times through, a few cuts begin to stand out, among them "You're my love interest" and "Sharon's got a drugstore." In the latter a young man's relationship with a woman who daubs on her beauty from the blusher bottle turns from fascination to disgust. Hiatt's ending the song in a derisive chant is one of the album's finer touches.

Should Hiatt continue writing as cleverly as he is now, but pull away from the myriad Costello-vocal clones currently recording, he won't be put in the slug line much longer.

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Willow — A Woman's Retreat

by Shireen Miles

WHAT IS WILLOW?

Willow is a get-away-from-it-all woman's retreat and writer's hangout located in the mountains above St. Helena, about an hour and a half's drive from Sacramento. For the last year or so, Willow has been jointly owned by Liz Luster and Abby Freedman, who started as resident caretaker.

In 1974, Liz sold some beautiful but inaccessible land in Big Sur. She says she had long wanted to give something back to women, but standing there on her property one day with three friends, she knew that she needed a different location. Later, when she discovered Willow, nestled in a hollow high in the wine country, yet still less than an hour's drive from the Bay Area, she knew she could create a special place for women there.

On the property was a family home, which the Willow staff gradually remodeled into the present residence building, with living room, study, spacious kitchen, dining area, five bathrooms and sleeping space for twenty-two. A pool, tennis court, sauna and hot tub complete the facilities available on the secluded grounds, which also contain a large carefully-tended vegetable garden, an orchard, and a pond-in-progress.

All the rooms save one are named after notable women: Harriet Tubman, Joan of Arc, Virginia Woolf, Wilma Rudolf, Sally Stanford, Amelia Earhart. One is called "Rubyfruit Jungle." Each has its own distinct personality and its own special touches.

The most recent construction on the property, built by Seven Sisters Construction Co. of Berkeley, "the barn," is in actuality the residence for the Willow staff. That's Abby and Celia, who manage Willow's day-to-day maintenance. Liz stays there when she is able to get away from Los Angeles, her present home base. She says she hopes to take up full-time residence at Willow in another year or so, when her teenage children are out of school.

The facilities at Willow are beautifully kept up, which on occasion has been an issue, says Liz, especially in circles where "downward mobility" is the fashion. "We've been told to let it get shabby so more women would feel comfortable here." Liz says they've insisted all along that women can relax more easily in a clean, well-maintained, yet casual atmosphere. Clean, polished tile floors, reasonably new carpets in the bedrooms, freshly painted walls, and a new sauna testify to the countless staff hours and pride that has been invested in Willow.

An open letter from Liz on the bulletin board counters the charge that she is getting big profits from the operation. The frankly-written letter explains in dollars and cents that Willow still does not operate in the black, but that its chief value to Liz is in its appreciation, as a tax write-off, and as a contribution to women.

Bay Area women have probably made up a majority of the guests at Willow, partly because of proximity, partly because promotional efforts were centered there. "We just never thought of the women's community in Sacramento," Liz said. Nonetheless, advertising in **Ms.** and **Plexus** and simple word of mouth have attracted women from all parts of the U.S. A large guest book with many detailed individual entries helps to keep absentee owner Liz abreast of how well Willow is being received.

Women come to Willow as individuals, to get away, to write. They come in pairs, for intimacy. They come in small friendship groups. Some weekends, Willow is full, other times, especially during the winter, you can practically have it to yourself. And if privacy's what you desperately need, try mid-week!

Several weekends a month are set aside for groups only. Liz and Abby report that Willow has hosted all kinds of groups: writers' workshops, feminist spirituality, therapy groups, seminars, women's center training sessions. Some of these have included men, as well. Groups are also free to set their own rules about children. On other occasions, Willow is not open for children under twelve. Liz is not apologetic. "Women often come here to get away from the stresses of home and children. It is a **retreat.**"

Expansion plans for the future include a second story on the house and a vineyard, "with the goal of producing wines fine enough to be sold under our own Willow label." Also in the works is a staff-sponsored series of weekends on health and stress management starting in late February.

So You're Interested In A Weekend At Willow?

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What About Food:
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How Much Does It Cost?
A whole weekend (Friday night through 5 p.m. Sunday is just $30/woman or $15/day — not much if you think how much you've paid and how little you got elsewhere for a weekend. Each additional weekday is just $12.50. (Information about groups available upon request.)

Should I Bring My Bathing Suit?
Only if you'd like to. "Nudity is optional" at Willow, and more or less comfortable, depending on the season.

What About Bedding?
Bring your own towels and bedding, or the staff will provide it for $5 per room.

What Interesting Side Trips Are Available?
Besides hiking in the vicinity, there's always wine tasting or shopping in quaint downtown St. Helena or Yountville.

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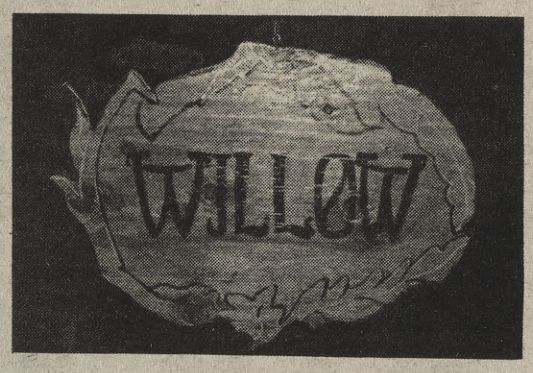

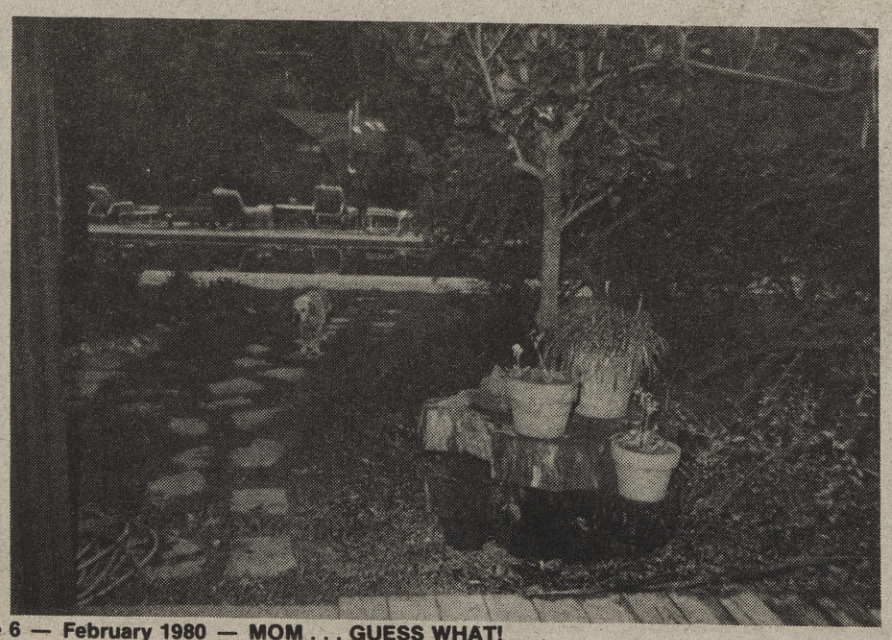

Photo by Linda D. Birner

Our Visit: Willow Is For Letting Go

Willow. When we first arrived, Abby introduced herself and showed us around, pointing out the essentials, how to turn on the sauna and the hot tub, where the stereo is, how to find the jogging path, how to operate the Ashley woodheaters. Then, without unnecessary conversation, she told us where to find her if we needed her and padded off, leaving us alone to unwind.

Our room is called "Harriet Tubman." Nice name. I am glad to see that there are plenty of blankets and a big picture window. Harriet would approve. I think I'm going to like it here. This place and its warm wood, shiny tile, and newly painted walls already seem to wrap itself around me like a comfy old robe, warm and fragrant and fresh from the wash.

By the time we are ready for bed, my rush-hour headache has all but disappeared. A long lazy soak in the hot tub and a cup of hot herb tea later, and I drop off to sleep like a baby.

In the morning, the winter sunshine wakes us more gently than any alarm clock. We talk languorously, sleepily, for some time, noting that the gnarled tree outside our window has so many woodpecker holes that it could pass for a tatooed Japanese lady out of **National Geographic.** Finally, it occurs to us that the thing we want most to do in the whole wide world is to get up, get our blood moving, and explore the Willow property in its entirety. On go the jogging shoes and sweats, mittens and caps, and off we go out the gate behind the house. We find the trailhead to the right of a huge open field where Abby says they'll be putting in grapes this spring, and Cleo the friendly Doberman, one of the two resident dogs, joins us, delighted at the prospect of loping along ahead and stretching her long legs.

The trail is wide and apparently well-traveled. Underfoot is a carpet of dry leaves, above a canopy of oaks—certainly a change of scenery from the city streets we usually run. Too soon, perhaps just a quarter of a mile further, the trail dead-ends at the highway. But we decide we can use some hillwork, so we continue on the paved road which climbs steadily beyond the Willow mailbox, just short of a mile to the top of the hill. There is a clearning there, and we can look down and get a lungful of fresh country air and a good full look at the high wine country, still hazy from the morning, very cool and beautiful, very still, very green.

And then we start down the hill again. Just minutes later, it seems, we are back at the Willow footpath, out of breath and laughing.

Back on the Willow property, chattering, we discover an unbelievable little house, adorned with miniature railings, porch and gingerbread trim, fashioned lovingly of weathered barn wood and perched on a fencepost behind the garden. Way above eye level, it was obviously placed there for its own reasons, not for our benefit. (A bird should be so lucky!)

Just inside the gate, we collapse in the first available place, which just happens to be tiny log stools nestled around a mushroom-like table made of log rounds, tucked away under an old matriarch of a fir tree. The tree is ancient, massive, inviting. In my relaxed and playful state of mind, it practically dares me to climb its wide open arms. Maybe later, I say. My friend says she imagines it full of women, talking, singing, swaying in its branches, and we laugh together at the thought of it, the deadening sobriety of everyday melting away a little more.

I can write here. First time in a long time. My mind feels as fertile as the rich earth of the field above the orchard. Peaceful Willow. You nurture me as you must have nurtured countless others.

Sitting now at the glass-topped table outside on the patio by the hot tub. A spider plant on the table. My friend has turned on the sauna and put water on for coffee. The season: you can see it with your eyes closed here at Willow. Hear it: leaves fluttering down, crisp sounds, throaty chirping of a bird, occasional melodic drone of some insect, inside, the teapot faintly starting to whistle, and now and then a walnut dropping to arbitrarily punctuate my sentence. Then quiet, peace.

Coffee ready. Sauna still heating. It's such a waste that we have so few mornings like this. Such a waste of good mornings. "They think of everything here," my friend says. She's found a big loofa sponge in the shower adjoining the sauna.

From where I sit, I can survey the pots of plants and flowers tucked here and there, cuttings put to root in a glass in the kitchen, an exotic pink flower contrasting with the dark chocolate tones of the hot tub, basking in the warmth and moisture there. Someone loves this place!

Sipping coffee. Soaking up the spare winter sunshine. Wouldn't this place be perfect, **perfect,** full of all the women that we love? My mind is busy, cataloguing schemes to get them all up here with us. . . a workshop, perhaps?? No. . . Willow is for letting go. For healing. My special friend looks at me mischieviously, "You know what I like the most? The damn phone isn't going to ring."

I **love** her!

Into the sauna. It's about time we've done something like this for ourselves.

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Human Rights Commission Backs Gay Rights

The Sacramento Human Rights Commission, at a January 10 press conference, issued the following statement strongly supporting gay rights:

1. We applaud Representatives Matsui and Fazio for co-signing the letter written by Rep. Phil Burton to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service urging an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation.
2. We applaud Matsui and Fazio's support for HR 2074 (Weiss, D-NY) which amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include gay people and we urge our congressional representatives to co-author this bill.
3. This body urges our state legislative delegation to work for enactment of AB 1 (Agnos, D-SF), which would prohibit job discrimination against gay people. Furthermore, this body supports and urges participation in the statewide March on Sacramento scheduled for Sunday, January 13, 1980, in support of AB 1.
4. We support County and/or City legislation prohibiting discrimination against gay people.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION staff member Manuel Garcia and Commissioners Ben Hom (co-chair), Gary Miller (treasurer), and Linda Birner announced the Commission's support for the March on Sacramento and other gay rights issues.

RCBA: Into the Eighties

by Norv Giles

At the Annual Meeting of the River City Business Association held on Thursday, January 10, at the Delta Queen Restaurant in Old Sacramento, two of the three vacancies on the Board of Directors were filled by incumbents. The current treasurer, Mark Whisler, was re-elected to a two-year term. Mike Kelly was elected in his own right as a board member for two years also. The third vacancy must be filled by a woman. The Board was scheduled to accomplish that task and elect officers at its meeting on January 29.

The long-awaited Greater Sacramento Business Directory is being compiled by Mike Garten and his committee. Advertising space and business listings are available to members and non-members. To arrange an ad, interested businesses should call Norv Giles at 1-758-2110 days or Greg Gorges at 457-6840 evenings. Five thousand copies of the Directory will be published for distribution throughout the gay community during 1980. It will also show all service organizations and support groups and be available through them and other social gathering points. It is the policy of RCBA to keep gay money in the gay community whenever possible and this is part of that effort.

The other primary goal of RCBA is to give financial support to lobbying efforts at all levels. I have spoken in Davis at the Open Forum for a Gay Ordinance relating my own experience in job-discrimination in 1975. Many RCBA members made substantial contributions to the March On Sacramento at our Christmas Party, by attending fund-raising dinners, and by urging others to buy shirts and buttons. At the national level, the NABC, formed in November 1979, is becoming a non-profit corporation in Washington, DC, under IRS Code Section 501 (c) (6) and will become financially supportive of legislation through NGTF to eliminate job-discrimination nationwide.

Gays and Supporters Blast Johnson and Picket to Lodge Protest

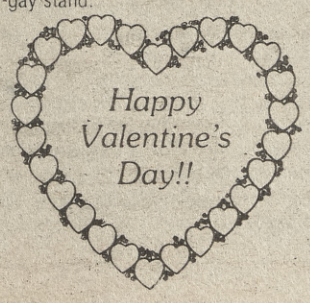
A picket protesting State Senator Ray Johnson's stand on legislation to prevent job discrimination against gays took place on January 18, in front of Johnson's Chico office at 555 Rio Linda Avenue at noon. Picketers included representatives from the Lesbian-Gay Cause of Butte County, the Gay People's Union, the Abortion Rights Movement, and the Feminist Women's Health Center.

Ray Jonnson took an anti-gay, anti-civil rights stand at the Senate Industrial Relations Committee on Wednesday. His 'no' vote was a decisive factor in killing SB 18, a bill which would have extended to lesbians and gay men the protections afforded to minority groups by the Fair Employment Practices Act.

"It's no wonder gays in this community face constant harassment, considering the kind of representatives we have in power position," said Lisa Buckner, speaking for the Lesbian-Gay Cause of Butte County.

Buckner went on to explain that the killing of SB 18 in the Senate committee will ensure a similar treatment for AB 1, a sister bill introduced by Assemblyman Art Agnos, which is due for consideration on the Assembly floor.

According to Lisa Todd of the Feminist Women's Health Center, "It is not surprising that the same man who voted against abortion rights, in spite of constituent protest, would once again ignore his constituency and take an anti-gay stand."



$558 Million Suit Over S.F. Riot

by Maitland Zane, San Francisco Chronicle

On January 15, a $558 million damage suit was filed against San Francisco by some 30 persons who claimed they were victims of police brutality the night of the City Hall riot last May.

Several of the plaintiffs said they had tried to protect the police guarding City Hall from a rock-throwing mob protesting the Dan White murder verdict, but were beaten up anyway.

Named as defendants, in addition to the city itself, were Mayor Dianne Feinstein, former Police Chief Charles Gain, former District Attorney Joseph Freitas, and Police Captain George Jeffery, the commander of Mission Station.

Mayor Feinstein said she had "no comment" on the lawsuits, but her press aide, Mel Wax, laughed when informed of the vast amount of damages being sought. "Is that all?" he said.

The defendants were accused of failing to plan for or properly control the riot last May 21, and of pursuing a longstanding policy of "violence and harassment against gay men and lesbians."

Seventy-five "John Does," including scores of policemen who allegedly clubbed and kicked even passersby, were also sued.

"We want to price this kind of activity out of the market," said Jack Eason, one of six lawyers representing the plaintiffs.

A companion lawsuit seeking additional, unspecified millions in damages was also filed in Superior Court by eight men and a woman injured when cops invaded the Elephant Walk, a gay bar on Castro Street, the same night.

At a press conference outside City Hall, Ann Menasche, an attorney for the plaintiffs, blamed the riot on a "small minority of troublemakers in the crowd" and charged that the ugly incident at the Elephant Walk was a "premeditated attack."

Ruth Jensen, one of the plaintiffs, said she was one of a group of peacemakers who linked arms and created a buffer zone between the rockthrowers and the police.

"We sat down so we could show we didn't intend any harm — and then the police just started to beat us. They got me in the gut and the chest. My friend was hit on the head with a club. I was sore for two weeks," she said.

Eason said one of the clients, Jack Scott, emerged from the Jack in the Box restaurant on Market Street to find an injured man on the sidewalk.

"When Scott bent down to offer assistance, an officer raised his club, and Scott said, 'Please don't hit me, I'm epileptic,' the lawyer said.

"But the cop beat him up anyway, then several more joined in. Scott looked gruesome when he got to the hospital and has been unable to work ever since."

Coalition Will Hear About Feminist Spirituality

The CSUS Women's Coalition will sponsor a presentation on feminist spirituality by Ann Forfreedom at its general meeting on Wednesday, February 6, at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room on the third floor of the University Union on the Sacramento State University campus.

The presentation by Ann Forfreedom, noted author, herstorian, lecturer, and Executive Director of the Feminist Spirituality Center, is one of a series of such programs at the Women's Coalition's general meetings on the first Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Other meetings will feature political issues, cultural concerns, holistic health, and current events.

The CSUS Women's Coalition extends an open invitation to attend the meetings.

The meetings are all wheelchair-accessible, and child-care and signing are available if requested. The meetings provide time for women to socialize, and various special interest groups set up displays and information tables.

Persons interested in providing a display, information table, or program are asked to call KiNi, acting chair of the Coalition, at the CSUS Women's Resource Center, 454-6817. Also call KiNi for more information, or write to the Women's Coalition, University Union, CSUS, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

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"A Perfect Relationship" Opens at Theatre Rhinoceros

Theatre Rhinoceros' production of Doric Wilson's new comedy, **A Perfect Relationship**, opens Thursday, February 7 at the Goodman Building in San Francisco. The show will close March 30.

The play, by the author of **West Street Gang**, focuses on the commitment to non-commitment of urban gay men, specifically Greg and Ward, roommates of eight years who are jolted into a relationship that just might be a perfect one. Guest director for **A Perfect Relationship** is J. Kevin Hanlon, whose production of Arch Brown's **Newsboy** is currently running in New York. Mr. Hanlon also directed Robert Patrick's **T-Shirts** and **Kennedy's Children** as well as **A Perfect Relationship** in their New York productions.

Doric Wilson, the playwright, is a pioneer of the Off-Off-Broadway movement, his play **And He Made A Her** having opened at the Caffe Cino in 1961. A founding member of the Barr-Wilder-Albee Playwright's Unit and Circle Repertory, he has written, directed, produced and/or designed over a hundred productions. His **West Street Gang** ran for 13 performances at the Spike and was named on of the ten best plays of 1977. In San Francisco, it ran for three months at Theatre Rhinoceros under Allan Estes' direction. **A Perfect Relationship** opened in March 1979 and played in repertory for the summer at the Spike. Both plays have been published in a single volume from Sea Horse Press.

Featured in the cast of **A Perfect Relationship** are Guy Bishop and Jeff Boyle as the roommates, with Charlie Hufford, Robert Stone, and Maggi Sutherland completing the cast. The production will play Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 8:30, with a 4 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are $4 on Thursday and Sunday, and $5 on Friday and Saturday, with discounts for students, seniors, and groups. PAS vouchers accepted for full admission at all performances. The Goodman Building is located at 1115 Geary Street in San Francisco. For information or reservations, call 776-1848.

Speakers Bureau Training Set

The Sacramento Gay Speakers Bureau's training workshop for prospective speakers will be held this month. The workshop is set for two consecutive Tuesday evenings, February 19 and 26, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., in the auditorium of William Land School at 2120 12th Street, Sacramento. Prospective speakers must attend both evenings!

The Gay Speakers Bureau meets a vital need of Sacramento's gay community by establishing dialogues with our non-gay neighbors, many of whom have never met openly gay men and women. By doing so, the Bureau lays the groundwork for future gay victories at the ballot box and for improvements in the general climate in which we live. More speakers are needed if the Bureau is to fill all of the speaking requests it receives from the community: women are particularly needed if lesbians are to be included in every Bureau panel that gives a presentation. For more information call Jeanette Hess at 371-0193 (evenings) or Stan Hadden at 481-3011 (evenings).

"Movies and More" at YWCA

On Friday, February 15, at 8 p.m., the YWCA will present a lively and nostalgic evening harkening back to the 1940's. Films, frolic and refreshments are the ingredients to be served up in this night of "Movies and More."

"Adam's Rib," ingeniously scripted by Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin and starring Spencer Tracey and Katherine Hepburn, will be the featured film. You'll also see 1949 Fox Movietone news and a cartoon.

For your further enjoyment, Tim Fenkell of Albatross Players plans live entertainment to put you in a Forties mood.

Tickets should be purchased in advance at the YWCA, 17th and L streets. YWCA members pay $2.50; general admission is $3.50.

Women Artists Needed

The CSUS Women's Coalition will sponsor a week-long celebration March 3-8 in honor of working women. The CSUS International Working Women's Week festivities will emphasize third world women, with a theme for each day's events.

Friday, March 7, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., has been designated "Women in the Visual and Performing Arts." All women artists are invited to participate in displays, to offer items for sale, to demonstrate art in action, to stage performances or to provide entertainment. Third world women especially are urged to share their talents.

For space reservations and additional information, write The Women's Coalition, University Union, CSUS, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

"Blueboy" Publishes Story By MGW Writer

by James K. Graham

"The Sketch," a short story by MGW writer Michael Nava, was published in the February 1980 issue of **Blueboy** magazine.

Set in Buenos Aires, "The Sketch" is impressive for the almost austere subtlety of its style and for the cool impressionism of its approach to emotion and character. The simple elegance of Nava's prose is a welcome relief from the shoddy soft-core porn and the chic commercial puffery one usually reads in such magazines.

We applaud Nava's success, both in writing so well and in selling his work; we hope and expect that he will continue.

Time, Format Change for Local Gay Radio Show

Effective January 1, 1980, the program time, day, and format of the "Interface" gay radio program changed in response to a new public affairs format for the entire KXPR station. "Interface" is now aired in combination with several other public affairs programs in a segment entitled "Sacramento Scene" that appears Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. directly after the nationally honored National Public Radio Network program "All Things Considered."

Although this change means that the actual time for the "Interface" segment has been shortened considerably, program co-host Sue Diehl expects that it will actually improve listenership, because the time (early evening on a weeknight) is much better than the weekend spot the program previously had. Also, since the program immediately before "Sacramento Scene" is gaining an area reputation for news excellence, and has an extremely high listenership, Diehl predicts that more people will continue to listen after that program, and thus will hear the "Interface" and "Sacramento Scene" program.

"Also, the condensed format will allow greater flexibility in concentrating on a specific topic in gay affairs in the Sacramento area," Diehl stated. "We hope that any listeners will be alerted to the time change, and that they will write in their comments. The Program Director, by the way, is under the impression that very few gay people in Sacramento are actually concerned with public affairs in this area, so it would be immensely helpful for them to write him and let him know that they really do care."

Send comments to: Station Program Director, KXPR Radio, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

"Interface" also needs a volunteer—or volunteers—to work in several capacities. The show needs persons with good speaking voices to do interviews and work as announcers, and persons with a background or interest in objective journalism to research topics, obtain interviews and present BOTH SIDES of public affairs. These persons would need no experience in broadcasting, but should have some familiarity with objective reporting/writing/research. The amount of time spent working on the program each week would vary, but would not be more than six hours per week, most of which would be spent without supervision doing the research itself.

Any interested persons should contact Sue Diehl at 922-9592 evenings, or write: Sue Diehl, c/o INTERFACE, KXPR RADIO, 6000 J St., Sacramento, CA 95819.

Support Group Forms in Marysville - Yuba City

A lesbian-gay-bi support group has begun in the Marysville-Yuba City area. After a student group was formed at Yuba College (**MGW:** Jan. 1980), community residents recognized the needs for such a group for non-students.

The group holds potlucks and business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, and has made contact with similar organizations in the Chico area. The Marysville-Yuba City Lesbian-Gay-Bi Support Group participated in the March on Sacramento, carrying its own banner.

For further information, write to Lesbian-Gay-Bi Support Group, P. O. Box 1066, Olivehurst, CA 95961.

Lectures Set On Herstory and Women and Power

The final lectures in the FOCUS II lecture series sponsored by Sacramento Women for Equality will feature Gail Glatzel on women's history and Ellen Geiger on women and power in the 1980's. The lectures are fundraisers for the local effort in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Gail Glatzel will speak on "Amnesia Victims: Renaissance and Revolution Through Herstory" at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, in the Redwood Room at California State University at Sacramento.

Glatzel is a popular history instructor at American River College, where she teaches Women in Western Civilization, a new course which she has developed. She has been tirelessly involved on a local level with the women's community for many years. She was the producer of an inspiring slide show on women's history which has given female role models to many hundreds of young women.

Glatzel's presentation, which will involve an updated version of her slide show, will examine the question of whether women had a renaissance period in the past, or are in fact having it today.

Ellen Geiger will speak on "Women and Power: Issues for the 80's" at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, in the Redwood Room at California State University at Sacramento.

Ellen Geiger has an M.A. in Anthropology, and is currently doing her Ph.D. dissertation at the University of California, Santa Barbara, on Women and Mentorship. She has been actively involved in educational reform, and feels the time has come to women to look at the positive and negative aspects of the word "power." She has been a feminist activist on both the West and East coasts. Her involvement has included producing and moderating a series of radio programs involving women, and actively promoting women in the arts.

Tickets for the lectures, which are open to the public, are $3.75 at the door.

Consciousness-Raising Group Forming

Are you interested in becoming involved in a group of people committed to sharing personal feelings on such issues as sexual preference, feminism and equal relationships?

A consciousness-raising group is now being formed with emphasis on these matters and discussions on many others. The group will be nonfacilitated and will emphasize group participation. It is open to both men and women. Our first meeting will be near the first of February. Persons interested in such a group should call Mark at 448-2060.

Gay Writes
To Dr. Marty Rogers

This column will attempt to address issues of significance to lesbians and gay men through exploring options. Having options releases the potential for growth. The purpose is helpful commentary rather than advice or psychotherapy.
Brief letters with questions of general interest are solicited.

by Martin Rogers, Ph.D.

Dear Marty:
It is still January but I'm already getting uptight about Valentine's Day. I'm single and most of the time I like being free and independent, partying and dating whomever I want. Around Valentine's Day I bottom out. I think everyone has a lover but me and I feel like a freak. Last year it got so bad I sent myself a Valentine's card so my roommates would think I had a secret admirer. What do I do?

The Valentine Scrooge, Chico

Dear Valentine Scrooge:
Realize that you are one of the countless victims of the media hype of the holidays. On Thanksgiving and Christmas the media convince us that we are pariahs if we don't have warm, accepting families with which to spend those holidays. And on Valentine's Day those of us who are not in a relationship can easily begin to believe we are misfits. The paradox is that holidays are some of the most stressful times of the year (psychologists' phones practically ring off the hook around holidays) because folks are trying to live up to unrealistic expectations.
Your life sounds generally good right now. You are doing what you want and it sounds like you're having fun. When you are ready for a relationship, I bet you'll find somebody. As for Valentine's Day, get together with some of your single friends and have a party, or go to Tahoe or San Francisco and celebrate your freedom and independence.

Dear Marty:
Please answer this as soon as you can. I just found out that a guy I tricked with has V.D. If I did get it, I'm sure I gave it to my lover, but if I tell him, he'll know I've been out playing around and that may screw up our relationship. Should I have a check-up first and not say anything to him?

In Trouble, Sacramento

Dear In:
You have an obligation to inform your lover that you may have picked up V.D. and transmitted it to him. Both of you should seek immediate medical attention, providing the physician with all the information you have. The implications of not doing so outweigh any threat to your relationship through leveling with your lover. It is also obvious that your relationship is not what you are pretending it is — monogamous. So while you are in trouble right now because you have been deceiving your lover, in the long run, through altering your expectations of each other, your relationship may become more solid and honest.

Dear Marty:
As far back as I can remember I've thought of myself as a girl even though I have a boy's body. I always played with my sister's dolls and I was always trying on my mom's high heels. I run with some gay guys but I don't think I'm gay. I want to meet a straight and be his woman. Am I a transvestite? Can I get hormones to change my body?

Bobbi. West Sacramento

Dear Bobbi:
The term "transsexual" refers to individuals who feel they have been born into the wrong body and who often seek sex-reassignment surgery to make their body conform to their psychological gender and identity. "Transvestite" is a term used to describe individuals who cross-dress for the purpose of sexual arousal.
Applying a label to yourself right now is less important than exploring and clarifying your feelings about your identity. I suggest you check the **Mom ... Guess What!** directory and locate a psychologist who is knowledgeable about these issues and one who has seen other people who feel as you do. The purpose of seeing a psychologist would be to understand your feelings, not to change them. I'd strongly recommend doing that before you attempt to begin hormone therapy.
The Way Station (447-1171) is now offering a support group for transsexual and transvestites. In that group you would be able to talk with others who share your feelings and perspective. For more information, call Leah at the Way Station.

PERSONALLY...
J. Ann Wessel

Phobophobia: Why Do We Hang On To It?

by J. Ann Wessel

Phobophobia in plain, non-academic terms means simply the fear of one's own fears.
Have you ever caught your reflection, unexpectedly, out of the corner of your eye, in a window or mirror and been suddenly startled? That's not the kind of fear I am talking about. Even though my own reflection has startled me a few times.
I am referring to that thing or situation that I have developed a certain fear about: a situation that I will go out of my way to avoid. (Because of course I always think MY fears are special.)
Acrophobia, the fear of high places, is one of my favorite fears. Oh, yes, I really want to hang on to that one. In fact, I like it so much that the fear is beginning to get worse. This fear actually controls me.
I had to prune a tree recently in our backyard. Two days before the pruning took place I was already anticipating going up on the roof in order to reach certain branches. By the time I got up there and the cutting actually took place, I discovered the experience was not as bad as I had imagined. The pruning was a success. I came down the roof exactly the same way I went up, without faltering. It was the anticipation that scared me more than the height.
I admit, acrophobia is really not so special. I mean, after all, there are so many different kinds of fears to choose from. In fact, we are encouraged to choose as many fears as possible in our society. (How else can we support our local analysts?)
There are some people who carry around a lot of fear about the state of the economy. Now, economic stress can make one feel very vulnerable. These people may worry about whether they will be able to afford next year's recreational vehicle, make their pool payments, afford group therapy, or put in a new hot tub. Sounds an awful lot like suffering from severe deprivation. That can create all kinds of neurosis.
Then there are the type of people who sit around and create imaginary illnesses for themselves. You know, the hypochondriacs. I have known a few. When they are not creating an illness they are emphatically concerned about nuclear power, nutrition, solar energy, battered wives, and acid rain. They are a lot of fun to be with.
Some people aren't concerned about these issues at all. They put all their energy in trying to be accepted by their "Social Support Systems," otherwise known as "Friends." They will anxiously go to a lot of trouble to dress in the right costume, put on the right mask, and learn all the right things to say. Most of them can speak well on any subject, especially narcissism. These people are not as much fun to be with.
A Research Psychiatrist in Texas has recently been studying individuals who suffer from agoraphobia, the fear of open or public places. People with this particular phobia may develop a headache, nausea, and the shakes at the mere suggestion of going to a public place. These people are scary to be with.
When I look at my own fears I realize how they fill up my life with much wasted energy. I must truly love waste because it appears as though I am totally unwilling to let go of it.
Even though phobias are a mixture of anger and anxiety, it may interest you to know that phobias are generally more successfully treated than any other neurotic disorder.
Whatever the phobia, whatever the cure, whatever the cost: phobia is a function of anticipation. Anticipation is a form of "Interim Reality." "Interim Reality" is something that happens ONLY in our minds. Yes, folks, this is what controls us, keeps us from participating, and causes us to lose sleep: **our imagination.**
Wouldn't it be fun if we could all meet in a vacant lot (unless you suffer from xenophobia), each of us bring a kite, and use our imaginations to disappear our fears? We could imagine we have attached all our fears to the kite, slowly let the string loose until the kite is very, very high. When we were nearly at the end of the string we would — LET GO!

"After Dark" Announces "Entertainment Galaxy"

After Dark magazine has announced the establishment of Entertainment Galaxy, a select new membership club with an outlook and attitude designed to cater to the tastes and lifestyles of the **After Dark** reader.
"Members will be able to enjoy and participate in the kaleidoscopic array of entertainment, events, activities and people that have been splashed across the pages of **After Dark** over the last decade.
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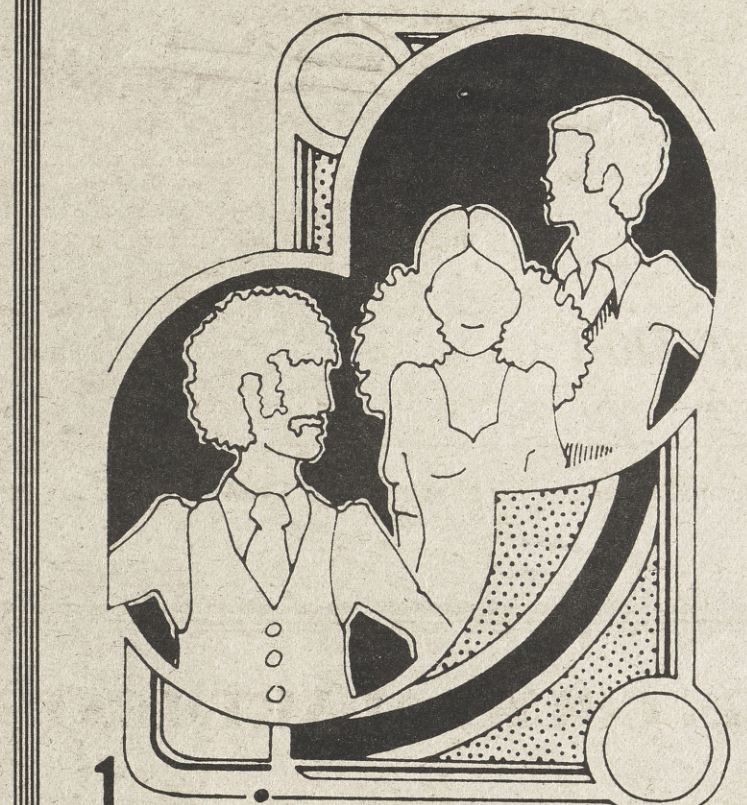
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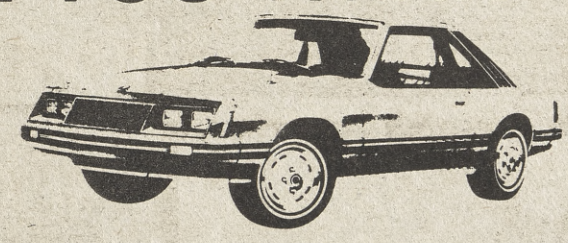
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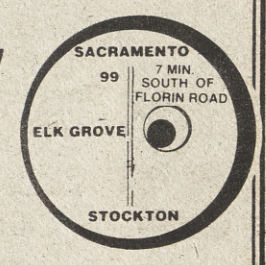

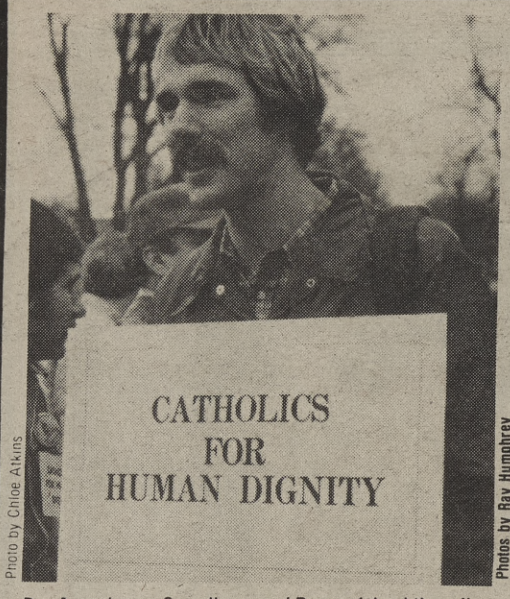

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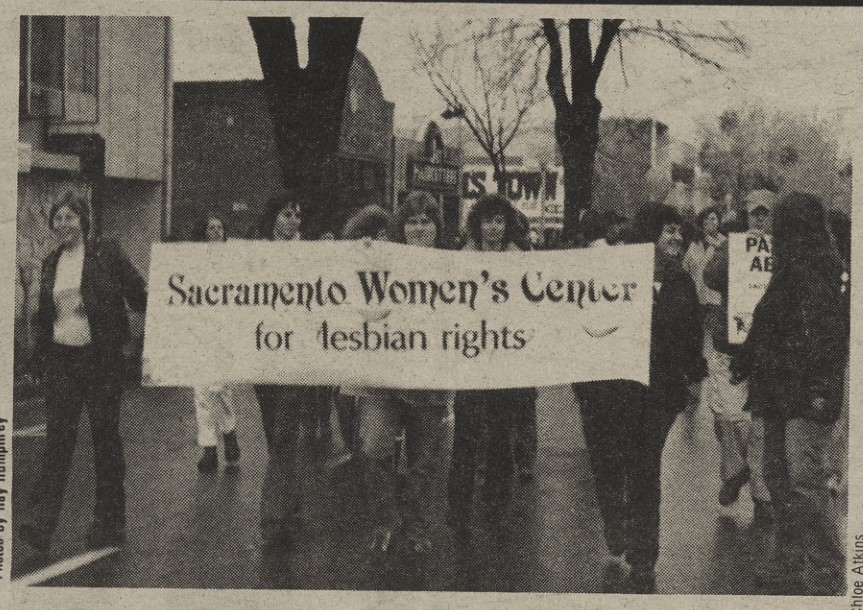

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Bay Area singers Casselberry and Dupree joined the rally with their own special brand of music-making. Photo by Chloe Atkins

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It seemed nothing could dampen the spirits of the dedicated and cooperative women and men who volunteered as hugely to its su

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Robin Tyler, as M.C. of the Rally and as star of her fundraising show for CHRA on Sunday evening, sparked the crowd's enthuthiasm with her own intensity. Photo by Blue

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Dr. Josette Mondanaro drew cheers for her warning that Governor Jerry Brown's "strategy is not to get these bills passed but to get the money of gays in his pocket." Photo by Chloe Atkins

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March organizers led off with a banner proclaiming the theme and purpose of the history-maki g, 17-block-long

March through Sunday, Januar

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Dramatic and articulate, activist lawyer Flo Kennedy flew in to Sacramento to voice forcefully her convictions that all oppressed people must join together to fight for their human rights. Photo by Blue

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Rev. Troy Perry, founder and leader of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, added his powerful voice to the demand for the passage of gay rights laws.

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From San Francisco, the Lesbian Chorus and the Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps provided inspiration and entertainment. Photos by Blue

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Parents and friends were a welcome sight during the mile-and-a-half-long march. Photos by Blue

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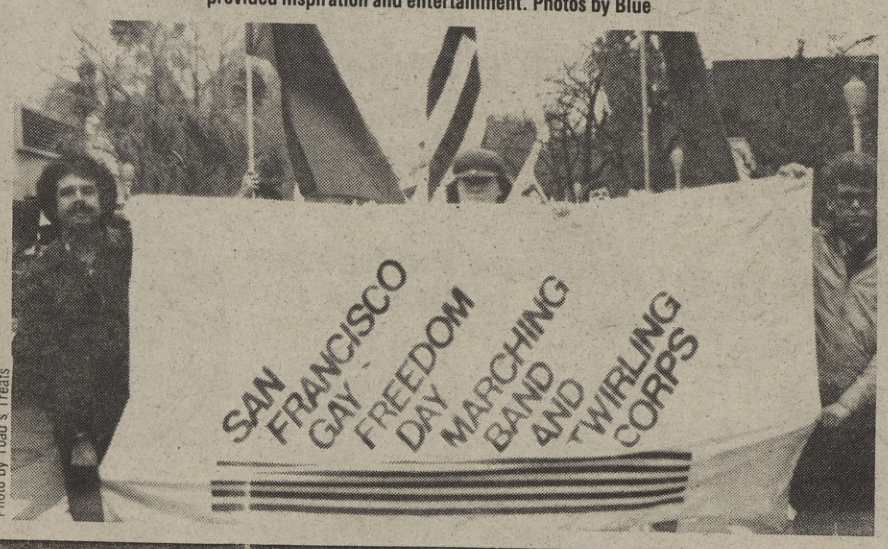

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Underfoot, Capitol Mall w but from above, it was a forward in a tidal wave under consideration in th Blue

of the who volunteered as monitors for the March and contributed hugely to its success. Photo by Chloe Atkins

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Metropolitan Community Church and Catholics for Human Dignity made a strong showing of the kind of love vehemently anti-gay "Christian" groups talk about but never seem to demonstrate. Photos by Blue

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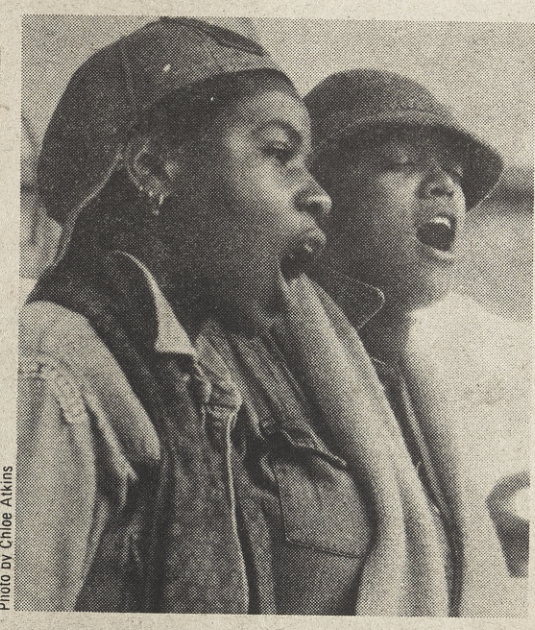

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Lesbians of Color were among the many diverse groups proudly affirming their identity. Photos by Blue

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"If My Friends Could See Me Now!" The music of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band helped everyone make it through the downpour. Photo by Chloe Atkins

Underfoot, Capitol Mall was a sea of rainwater and mud, but from above, it was a sea of gay umbrellas surging forward in a tidal wave of support for gay rights bills under consideration in the State Legislature. Photo by Blue

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TALKING TO... KEVIN ADAMS

by Pamela Garrett

Kevin Adams is an excellent painter living and working in Sacramento. He has exhibited locally at the Open Ring Galleries and has participated in the Kingsley Art Show at the Crocker Art Gallery.

MGW: Is the term "gay artist" applicable to you?

KA: A lot of gay people who present themselves to me as artists I don't respect as such because of the lack of artistic quality in their work. I regard the issues of aesthetic quality as more important than gay content. Give a work of art a gay content, but be sure it is a good piece of art. In other words, the content should not overwhelm the integrity of the object. Furthermore, if I use the title **artist**, I want it to have weight—if "everyone is an artist," then I am something else. Perhaps everyone with proper training could develop some artistic abilities, but a lack of dedication and commitment would still disqualify most people from the title.

MGW: Does gay culture nourish your psychicy?

KA: Well, as a provocative aspect of "How we are," and a source of subject matter, yes. For instance, my paintings of the baths and of two men dancing (myself and Terry Cool). But it does not generally offer me more than the mass culture. On the positive side, what we can call the gay community and gay culture—the restaurants, bath houses, bars, the Court, drag shows, the gay rodeo—do provide something that the general culture really needs: an atmosphere in which personalities that could not thrive and flourish in the mainstream can fully develop.

MGW: Did you once say that the gay community should maintain its "hothouse atmosphere?"

KA: Yes. That is what I am referring to. Can you imagine a drag queen being accepted in a bar in Old Sacramento? They are usually arrested down there. Can you imagine a group of straight men allowing another man to apply mascara in their midst? They can't manage it. Our culture provides a shelter for the survival and full flowering of exotic and bizarre personalities. Think of Lady Garnet—and more power to her!

However, all is not positive. One of the problems I've discovered about being involved in the gay community is, paradoxically, the tendency of many less exotic types to put pressure on me to reduce my individuality. This will be an unpopular statement, but I want to express it anyway. Hyper-political gays are frequently very guilty of this. While they attack the straight culture for demanding conformity on one hand, on the other hand they demand that other gays take their prescription of political behavior—or they discount them.

MGW: Do you feel that the gay community supports your work?

KA: Yes. I don't expect non-artists in the gay community to evaluate my work aesthetically, because they are not usually trained to do so, but I love the fact that members of the community give me their personal support by looking at the work and encouraging me to go forward. Sometimes it is difficult for my friends to understand the demands that painting makes on my life. My activities have to really slow down considerably when I am concentrating on my work. I feel as though I am married to my work.

To consistently make good objects, my life must be slow-paced, relatively conservative and stable, or the work will suffer. I don't know if other artists require this, but I do. God, at times it all seems to drag on me, seems like such a responsibility, and so damn difficult that I question why I'm doing it. But boy, let me tell you — "The Egyptian Bathroom," the new version of it, flew out of my hand — I could not make a wrong mark or wrong color choice. It just flew out of my hand, poured out in one single gush. There was no doubt in my mind at any point. But most paintings are not painted like that. Maybe one a year, when I am producing steadily—and they are a gas! As Stephen Flemming says, when a painting goes like that, you wonder that you don't run into your studio with the milk running down your chin from your breakfast cereal to get to work. But, some other paintings, like "The Turkish Bath," are hell.

MGW: Has working at a bath house influenced your work?

KA: It has affected my entire life! Before working at the baths I worked in the schools, and was totally unaware of the reality of the baths. When I first started working there I was terrified that I would not be able to meausre up to what was expected of me. I don't like being pushed around by my fears—my desire is to retreat, but my tendency is to advance. I have the feeling that in my last show I have painted The Rake's Progress, merely by painting about my life. A number of works—"Mephisto Waltz" and "After The Turkish Bath" among them, are about daring to live my life and challenge the patterns I was raised to conform to. Working at the baths has shown me that I do have strength and am capable of living as I choose. I **do** prefer to use images from my own experience—**I want to mine my life for images.** My favorite quote about painting is by Max Beckman from **On My Painting:** "Painting absorbs the whole man."

MGW: What are your career goals?

KA: I will show at just about any gallery that will show my work, whether it is run by straights or gays—I want other people to see my work. I think that the issues that I am dealing with in maintaining my integrity as an artist—the complex, hard, wonderful working—out process—is not unique to me or to gay people, but exists for anyone who insists on developing as an individual.

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1. **Sunset Western Garden Book** by Sunset Magazine & Books (a plant encyclopedia — excellent reference source) approximate price $8.75.
2. **Ortho & Sunset Garden** books (soft bound — dealing with various individual garden topics). Approximate price $4.75.
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The above and other gardening and plant care books can be purchased at most bookstores and garden centers. Prices can vary, so comparative shopping may be advantageous.

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Dedicated Diner

The Mandarin Cuisine

by Laurence Press

The Mandarin Cuisine
1800 Broadway
Sacramento, CA

The Mandarin Cuisine is a worthy addition to the limited number of authentic Chinese restaurants, since it reflects the skills of a good and sometimes inspired kitchen. The food is a mixture of Chinese regional cooking known in America as Mandarin, though it takes in specialties of Hunan, Szechuan, Peking and other areas.

The decor is simple and unassuming with oilcloth covered tables, place mats, and the walls decorated with a few rice paper prints and paintings. The room is restful, and the tables are large enough and spaced far enough apart.

The cuisine can be inspired and spectacular, but some dishes can bring a few complaints. Appetizers and main dishes are generally successful but soups often less so. Many dishes are supposed to be picante (highly spiced), but to my taste seemed rather mild. Hot pepper oil must be asked for to provide the extra fire.

Appetizers are one of the best parts of The Mandarin Cuisine's repertory. Some of the best are Shanghai Spring rolls, which come with just about every meal. They are small, crisp morsels with tender filling. Chicken wings fried in a herb, crumb batter are also excellent. Crisp outside, the meat is cooked until tender and juicy. The tastiest as well as the smallest are called Teriyaki Steaks. They are bits of marinated beef on a skewer, briefly broiled. The appetizers are accompanied by a strong mustard that may be overpowering to some tastes.

Soups are the weakest part of the menu. They tend to be thickened with too much cornstarch, and overcooked as well. The Hot and Sour Soup was rather bland, and the chunks of tofu were so overcooked they had fallen apart. Sizzling Rice Soup is not as clear brothed as it should be, the flavor not as delicate as expected. The generous amount of sizzling rice partly makes up the deficiency.

Main dishes are often excellent. A house specialty seems to be the Mu-Shia, a heaping generous portion of stir fried cabbage and meat. Served rolled up in a thin, tortilla-like flour pancake, especially succulent with the addition of dark plum sauce that comes on the side with filling left over to pour over rice.

Surprisingly, beef entrees were consistently tender. Beef in Oyster Sauce came garnished with snowpeas and mushrooms and Mongolian Beef was a pleasing contrast of rich glazed meat and dark green vegetables.

Pork dishes followed the same preparation as beef but substituted the richer taste of pork. The pork with Spiced Black Bean Sauce was a classic of strong flavors, the smoke, dusky bean sauce contrasting the picante red bits of chili. Chicken dishes were uniformly enjoyable especially the Cashew Chicken generously sprinkled with nuts and truffled with chunks of snow white breast. An extraordinary vegetable dish is called Dried Sauteed String Bean, which had the flavors of black beans, peppers, ginger, and other spices.

Seafood and fish dishes were all of good flavor and quantity. One was the best of several dinners — whole fish listed on the menu as Hunan Crispy Fish. A fresh whole rock cod was deep-fried for only a minute or two, placed on a platter, and brought to the table swimming in a picante brown sauce including scallions, peppers, ginger, and garlic. The flavorful sauce was a good contrast to the delicate tender snow white fish.

Fried rice is worthy of a note at the restaurant, being much more authentic Chinese than usual. Rather than the small, overpriced amount of soya-soaked grains, here the rice is barely fried with egg, scallions, and maybe pimentos. A true variety of color, the rice is bland enough to be a fine compliment to other dishes.

Drinks include the expected tea, with beer and wine available. The choices are narrow, and not particularly well chosen. But that is a common occurance in most Chinese restaurants.

Usually I avoid "special" meals in Chinese restaurants like the plague, far too often they are the most mundane, ordinary foods and indifferently prepared. But not here! The special lunch ($2.50) is really quite good, with flavorful dishes off the regular menu. For five or more there is a complete luncheon with mounds of appetizers, soup, Mu-Shi pork, a galaxy of dishes, and pineapple and lychee nuts for dessert, all for an exceedingly modest four dollars. At night, you may want to know what is in the "Temple" dinner. It changes according to what's best on the market. At seven dollars it is not unreasonable.

Polk Street Connection . . .

by Bill Spiller

Polk Street Connection
1722 Sacramento Street
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There is a restaurant in the San Francisco Polk Street area that offers more than just a touch of class to the area. The restaurant, **The Polk Street Connection**, is a fledging new cuisinery in its very formative stages.

Open for one month, The Polk Street Connection holds a maximum of 72 people and is exactly what I look for in a dining out experience. It is small, but intimate and offers a wide variety of menu choices.

Our meal was luncheon, with our choices of Scallops Quenelles and a Chicken Salad Sandwich.

The Scallops Quenelles ($4.95) were scallop dumplings served in a rich cream sauce. With it was served an iceberg lettuce and spinach leaf salad garnished with cherry tomatoes and served with their house dressing, made with a bit too much mayonnaise for my taste. My guest ordered the Chicken Salad Sandwich ($2.95) and applauded it as excellent. The generous serving was heaped upon their homemade bread.

During our meal we viewed other dishes as they made their way from the kitchen. Also offered for lunch were Portuguese saugages, sirloin steak, cannelloni, and a host of sandwiches and delicious salads.

Brunch is also a main feature at The Polk Street Connection, served **Saturday** as well as Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. The menu includes everything from homemade biscuits, waffles and french toast, to eggs, steak and casseroles.

The Polk Street Connection serves beer and wine with the latter being quite modestly priced. Red wines are all $5.25 and whites range in price from $4.75 - $5.50, all from the Inglenook winery.

Your amiable hosts and owners are four gay men; Bob Smith and Bernie Gallagher who have been lovers for 11 years and Herb Blaser and Frank Smith, lovers of 16 years. Our attentive waiter was Nick. They welcome you when in San Francisco for a dining experience I'm sure you will enjoy.

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Chicken

Roast Chicken — $6.50
with old fashioned homemade dressing

Pan Fried Chicken — $5.95
with potato dumpling

Fish

Petrale Florentine — $7.50
Sauteed in butter, served over a bed of creamed spinach

Prawns Malibar — $8.95
Marinated in subtle spices over rice

Beef

Chopped Top Sirloin Steak — $5.95
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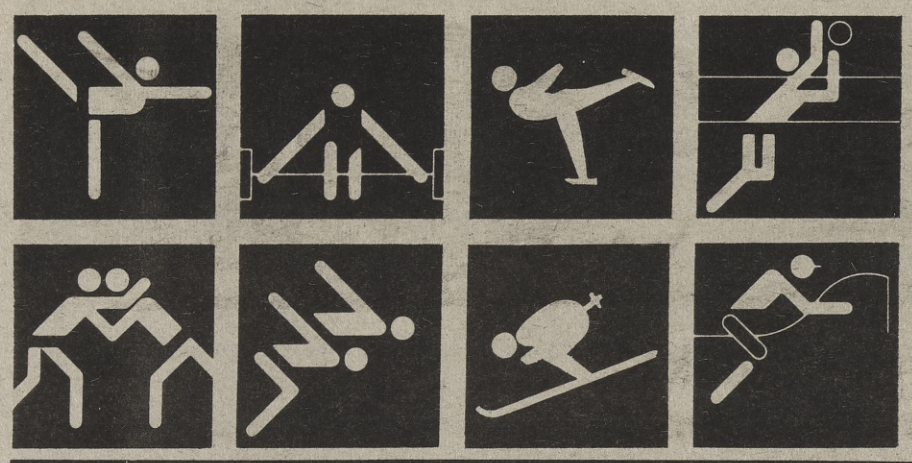

SPORTS

Women's Softball Is Organizing

The Sacramento Women's Sports League has announced that April 1 is the deadline for paying fees to register teams for the upcoming season. Late teams will be penalized $20 because late registration will require rescheduling the season's games. Games will begin in May.

Women who wish to play on, coach, or sponsor a team should call the Sacramento Women's Sports League at 444-7353 or 457-8715 as soon as possible for more information.

The next meeting for the softball season will be on March 16 at 6 p.m. It will focus on finances, sponsors, field preparation, game times, concessions, and other issues concerning the coming season.

Men's Softball Tryouts

By Paul Coke

The 1980 softball season is just around the corner, and the Sacramento Stars, Sacramento's gay men's softball team, is looking for good new players. The Stars have scheduled tryouts for the last three Sundays in February (February 10, 17, and 24) and the first two in March (March 2 and 9), at 1 p.m. on the softball field in William Land Park.

This will be Sacramento's fifth season of play, and each season the Stars have fielded a very competitive team. If you are interested in being part of this respected team, write to Paul Coke, 4610 Ottawa Avenue, Sacramento 95822, giving your name, address, and phone number.

Clean off those spikes and dust off your glove and join a winning team! See you on the field!

Bowling League Draws Over 120

by Vic

Our first gay bowling league in Sacramento has been a tremendous success with over 120 men and women arriving from as far away as Davis and Auburn every Sunday at Land Park Bowl. After two weeks of tournament bowling, Tom—who bowls for Buzz's "Dam-If-I-No" team, is leading the men with a consistent over-200 average; while Tammy, the captain of the "Red Dots" team, leads the women by managing to bowl at least one game well over 200 each week.

The bowling alley has received us with extraordinary praise; along with the enthusiasm of the individual bowlers and a great rooting section of other gays watching, we have managed to put together yet another organized gay function in the community. And what better way is there than to get together with over one hundred sisters and brothers every week during these rainy winter months?

Come on out and root for your favorite teams. We start bowling each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Brunswick Land Park Bowl, 5850 Riverside Boulevard.

"Night of Entertainment" Will Benefit Women's Support League

Some of Sacramento's finest local entertainers will be appearing in a benefit for the Women's Sports League on February 10, at 7 p.m. at the Parking Lot. The scheduled entertainment includes an array of musicians, a comedienne, a puppetteer, and more, including a drawing for prizes donated by the community. The performers' time is all donated, as have been many of the services needed to pull of an event of this caliber.

A sense of true "community" has been a part of this effort from the very beginning. People volunteering talents, services, skills, and time have not only made the benefit possible, but even more than that, what is obvious is that the energy is waiting and willing to be tapped for community happenings. We hear over and over again about "Women's Culture" and the need for a support system similar to the back-up most cultures provide for their folks. "Well, Hello Sister," it's all right here among us, and it would make even the toughest of eyes water.

Support your Women's Sports League and come to the February 10 benefit for a "Night of Entertainment." Tickets are available in the Women's Center Bookstore.

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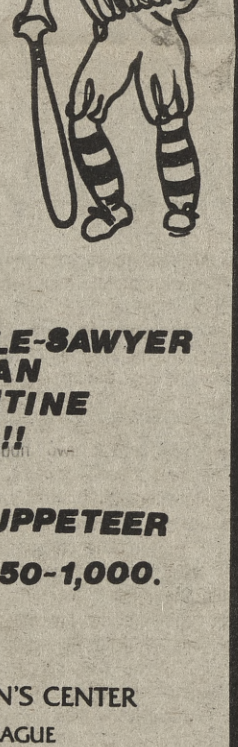

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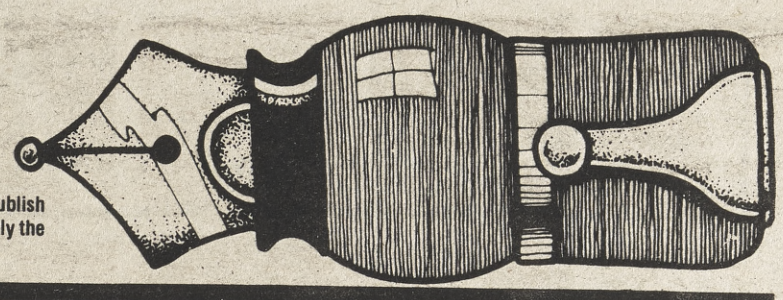

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Thank you.
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During the NO on 6 Campaign, a group was formed that was called The Committee.

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After consulting with several people who were members of that committee we decided to turn the money over to C.H.R.A. so that the struggle may continue for human rights for all.

We have sent a check for one hundred dollars ($100.00) from the members of The Committee. Although The Committee no longer exists, the interest of the individual members in C.H.R.A. has not diminished.

Sincerely,
M.R. Covino
Hide & Seek

Prisoner Seeks Correspondent

Dear People:

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season. I know I didn't; I spent the whole holiday season locked in my cell just thinking and hoping and praying.

Please understand what I'm going to say, because I'm more or less begging for help and I'm not ashamed to admit it. I really need to correspond with someone; right now I'm in a desperate need. I would like to correspond with Mexican, white or Japanese gay men between the ages of 20 and 29.

You really wouldn't believe the things I'm presently going through. To tell you the truth, God knows I'll be lucky if I survive this madness. In here there is no such thing as love, understanding or concern. Everybody uses everybody. Being gay in prison is very dangerous; gays are always victims of either sex or assault and a lot of times both.

What gays in here need is a little support and concern and love. Despite the fact that we are in prison, we are human beings too. I don't seek money or material things, just a little love. It can mean so much.

I don't want to be lonely any more; I don't think death could be worse. I'm sure someone out there is lonely, so please let's give each other a chance.

I'm going to close now as I don't want to bore you with my depression, but I want to extend my deepest appreciation to you for whatever you are able to do for me.

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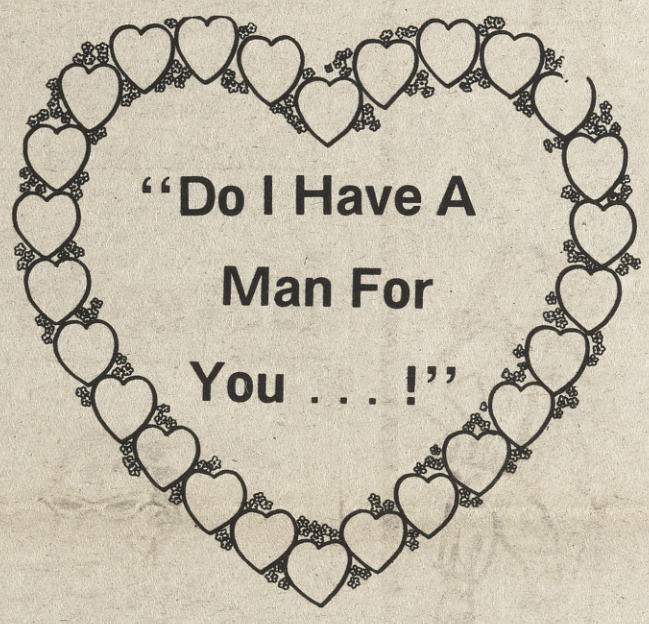


by Bill Spiller

"Where is Mister Right? Will I ever meet the man of my dreams?" There are questions many gay men ask themselves about finding a lover. Some are too shy, many are closeted, some are too busy. Some are just unlucky.

David Kulman, i.e. David The Matchmater, owns and operates what has been called a gay dating service, but David pooh-poohs this label. David does not see his service as a dating service, but he strives to bring men together, in a lasting relationship. That is the goal.

David The Matchmater (that's correct — Matchmater) is now in his sixth year of business bringing gay men together.

David Kulman, 53 was born in Brooklyn, New York, into an Orthodox Jewish family and came out before the words were even introduced into the gay vernacular by giving Donald Webster Cory's "Homosexuals in America" to his father to read. His environment in Brooklyn during his formative years more than gave him the necessary "life experiences" that were necessary for his current career endeavor. In the predominately Jewish community where he grew up, Matchmakers were more a fact of life than a story told by great-grandmama. So he packed bag and baggage and left for California where his background is a cavalcade of name dropping and glamour; fashion designing, advertising and television casting in Hollywood for such shows as Joey Bishop, Andy Griffith, and Dick Van Dyke. Fitting people to roles was his business and still is.

A prospective "client" calls in. David asks several questions — rather blunt I might add. This helps to pre-screen those people he feels his service is not for. But how does he decide who is right and who is not right for his Matchmating service?

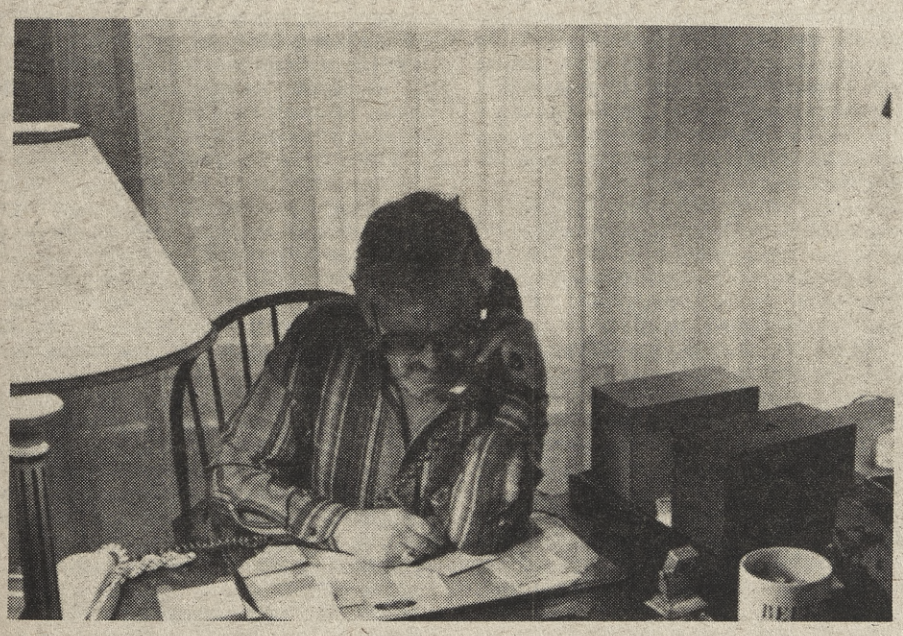
David combines several idiosyncrasies and lots of business sense as well as personal interjection into Matchmating. Listening to him talk you see a combination of Jewish mother, cooing, petting and making decisions for you, a gentleness, a love for mankind, and a heart as big as the ocean in the City By The Bay, but there is also a practical side. "No certain type of person comes to me. I get them all—those into leather, shy, married, virgins. I get people coming out who have never been to bed with another man before. People don't pay me $200 to meet a trick," he says. "They are all interested in some sort of **on-going** relationship. On-going is the key word here. I don't give people what they want, but what I think they should have."

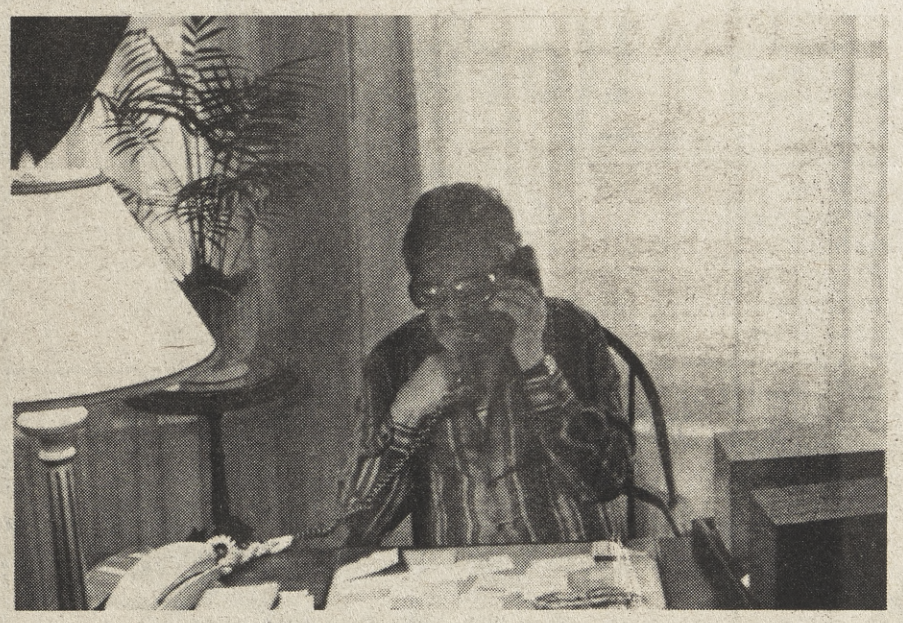
The fee of $200 gives you dates for a year or until Mister Right is discovered. David personally interviews his clients for about two hours asking questions concerning such areas as income, personality, hobbies, religion, and compatibility in and out of bed. "I believe men should be matched within 10 years of each other," he says, "And income compatibility is important. I wouldn't want one man to feel as if he would be supporting the other." He gets to know each client intimately (platonically he adds) as possible and determine, not subjectively, what type of person he is looking for. "Many people have what I call a 'Magic Mirror' at home. They see a fantasy reflection in it. What they see themselves as being. I see them for who they really are."

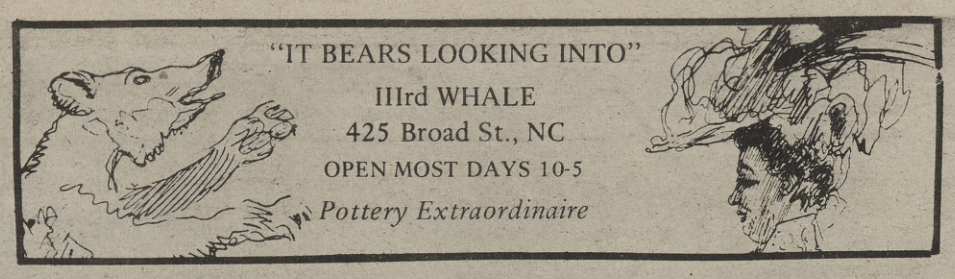
He matches gay men from the ages of 25-60, because **he** feels these are the ages a man is done playing around and is seriously looking for some type of relationship. He insists that his "matches" do in fact date. Dinner, dancing, communication, whatever; however he requires that his clients call him back after each date and tell him how things went — more questions. "Did you have a good time? Did you have sex? Where did you go?" All important questions since compatibility is the name of the game of Relationships. He informs each client of what the other said about him to ensure a good line of communication.

His time is monopolized finding lovers for other men and consequently, he is single. "What I really want is a truck driver who is sensitive, cooks and does housework," he half-muses, "In other words, a gentle man who is domesticated."

David Kulman, David The Matchmater, can be reached at (415) 775-9169 to find the right man for you.







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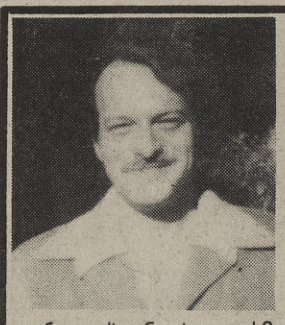

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BETWEEN THE COVERS

The Wilder Side

Thornton Wilder: His World by Linda Simon, 298 pp. New York: Doubleday & Co. $10.95
Reviewed by Joyce Bright

I was a righteous, moralistic fifteen-year-old when I first read Wilder's **The Bridge of San Luis Rey.** Seven unrelated travelers meet at a bridge high in Peru, and never make it across. Why were these particular travelers chosen to die? I don't remember. What I remember is the line: "There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning." I thought Wilder was great!

Thorton Wilder, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, is best remembered for **The Bridge of San Luis Rey, Our Town,** and **The Merchant of Yonkers,** which as **Hello, Dolly!** has enjoyed tremendous public success.

Linda Simon's new biography is an attempt to recreate Wilder and his world for us. Simon has previously published a biography of Alice B. Toklas. She has edited a work on Gertrude Stein.

Wilder had an "omnipotent father" who, as an international diplomat, moved his family around. Wilder invariably bent to the will of his authoritarian father, except that he chose a career in writing over a career in the church. Following Wilder through his travels, his college career, his early successes, his warm friendship with Gertrude Stein and Alexander Woollcott, his lectures at the University of Chicago—all this is initially interesting.

Of interest, too, are Wilder's theories on drama, his interaction with directors and actors, his views on how a play finally should come together. He originally wrote the part of Dolly, in **The Merchant of Yonkers,** for Ruth Gordon. He was a friend of Montgomery Clift, and promoted that actor's early career.

All of this should make fascinating reading, and for the first half of the book it does. But there is a problem here. While many other writers of the 1920's argued with America, and fled to Paris, Wilder toured Rome, taught schoolboys, and studied the classics. One has the feeling that Wilder never did a nasty thing in his life, never said a mean word to or about anyone. His life, his very closeted homosexuality, was so circumspect, that one doubts that even Wilder knew he was gay. So on the surface Wilder's life does not lend itself to titillating biography.

That would be OK if in balance Wilder had been a profound thinker or had some shocking thoughts. But he is lacking in internal tension. Indeed, he handled success, failure, tragedy, and joy with such perfect equanimity that one finally suspects that he lacked real **feelings.**

Personally, I doubt that Wilder lacked emotional depth. My feeling is that he was a Victorian trained to conceal emotions. It then becomes the biographer's job to reveal the layered man to us, to take us beneath the surface.

This is precisely what Simon cannot do. She did not have access to Wilder's papers and letters. She presents his private history through recollections of his acquaintances, most of those now dead, from interviews, and from an analysis of his writings.

What this book lacks is something elusive called aliveness. It lacks depth. Even the photographs, including one I had previously not seen of Gertrude Stein, fail to breathe life.

However, technically the book is well written. It is informative. If you are interested in the early 20th century literary scene, this book might even be an asset to your library.

Mommie Dearest

Mommie Dearest by Christina Crawford. Wm. Morrow & Co.
Reviewed by Edgar Poma

Yes, the book in the hardcover edition was released what seems like ages ago, but when I finally got around to reading Christina Crawford's **Mommie Dearest**, I had been arm-twisted into it by word-of-mouth recommendations from friends who have read the book, feel like "insiders," and who now flash knowing smiles at Castro Street novelties of Joan on t-shirts, mugs, and broken mirrors proclaiming, "I never slapped the bitch!"

Joan, of course, is Christina Crawford's famous "mommie," a Hollywood legend who died in 1977—her career met its demise much earlier. Using a slow, somewhat deadpan style, daughter attacks mommie in a black-and-white memoir that predominantly focuses on the black-and-blue side of life with a good actress, an even better movie star, but a schizoid, godawful mother. Joan Crawford's physical abuse of her children is not the central theme of the book so much as the emotional disparity and hatred in all of us. As the author reveals, even the rich and powerful are totally susceptible.

To Christina's credit, she does not really come across as a sour-grapes tattletale (who took to the typewriter after learning that mommie cut her out of her will), but a woman whose writing is simple therapy. What she kept inside of her had to come out somehow—thus, the book becomes a kind of completion—and end—of her personal suffering. For the rest of us, **Mommie Dearest** becomes a juicy, negative, fascinating look at an interesting woman. A year from now, we will stop with the child neglect jokes each time we see Joan on the late show. Perhaps the die-hards will be the Craig Russells of life, doing Blanche (Baby Jane's sister) in a wheelchair first, then ending the act with Joan ordering her eldest daughter to kiss her father good night, then suddenly slapping her across the face, scolding, "Find your own man, you bitch!"

Gay Issues Aired In Davis Forum

by Paul Harris

After rescinding the proposed gay rights ordinance in Davis, the City Council sponsored an educational town meeting on the topic of homosexuality. The Davis Citizens For Human Rights, which is conducting an initiative drive to place the concept of a gay rights ordinance on the June 1980 ballot, and the First Amendment Coalition were each given an hour-and-a-half to present their views on the issue and to field questions from the overflow audience of about 400.

The D.C.H.R. started the highly charged evening with an impressive presentation consisting of representatives of the Davis Gay Speakers Bureau briefly discussing what it's like for them to be gay or lesbian, followed by testimonies of overt discrimination in Davis and concluded by a panel of experts offering their views on the issue.

Moderating the forum for the D.C.H.R. was Lisa Katz who effectively kept topics centered around the issue of human rights rather than Corinthians. The five Panelists of the Speakers Bureau represented a highly diverse group of lesbians and gay men ranging from a former high school prom queen to a highly honored Eagle Scout.

Next, case after case of discrimination in jobs and business services were revealed. Refusals to allowing same-sex dancing were cited, along with three firings of Davisites simply because they were gay, or in the case of Michelle Martin, because of her involvement in gay activism probably coupled with the inaccurate presumption of her being gay.

Norv Giles, President of the River City Business Association, related the story of the dossier kept on him for over a year before he was fired from a job. In a powerful declaration Norv informed the fairly evenly split audience that "we're going to have to learn to get along with one another, my friends, because we are not going away. We will buy, sell and trade our way into the mainstream of American life."

The experts chosen to shed some light on homosexuality included Rev. Don Ranstrom of the Lutheran Church. His support for gay rights led a member of the opposition later to make a remark about Don's "so-called church."

Greg Herek, a grad student in Psychology, offered evidence to contradict much previously-held biased "scientific research" on homosexuality and said that much of the research on the origins of sexuality is highly conflicting.

Probably the most touching moment of the tension-filled evening was when Sally Gillespie, a mother of four children, two of whom happen to be gay, expressed in an emotionally-charged state her love for all of her children and when she was no longer able to continue speaking it was quite apparent to all of us that nothing more could or needed to be said. Her love spoke clearly.

Matt Coles, civil rights attorney, concluded the presentation by saying that civil rights legislation's purpose is to protect people who are subject to discrimination not related to one's merit.

The First Amendment Coalition spiced the evening with a little unintentional humor by distributing a leaflet with passages from Romans and Corinthians. At the bottom was written: "Davis—Bicycle Capital of America; Energy Conservation Example of America; Homosexual Hub of America?"

The main thrust of the anti-civil rights coalition was that this was a moral issue, not a civil rights issue. While much fear, hatred and ignorance persisted among the largely fundamentalist group, they tried to come across without the extreme fervor of a John Briggs, recognizing that these tactics would backfire in a community such as Davis. While they stated their extreme opposition to the harassment of gays, they proclaimed that they could not morally accept homosexuality and that these beliefs were probably as ingrained as anyone's homosexuality. When questioned in depth as to whether he would comply with such an ordinance, Don Moore, Minister of the Church of Christ, said he morally could not. Moore went on to state that "we who follow the Bible cannot just change either. We have convictions that form the fabric of our lives." Furthermore, for those who accept the word of God," all law is based on God's revealed moral law."

Another member of the First Amendment Coalition, Jose Granda, invoked the wrath of several gay Chicanos present when he claimed to speak for the hispanic community of Davis. He said, "we resent the association of us with homosexuals; we are bonafide minorities."

Zachary Taylor, another coalition member, spoke on the issue of a gay rights ordinance being one more intrusion of government into our lives, imposing its morality on us.

The forum, while probably changing few minds, was highly productive in that it gave time to air actual cases of discrimination and harassment and, equally important, the fine organization by the lesbian and gay community in their presentation brought great credibility to the cause among opinion makers in Davis. And finally, there really was some concerted effort among gays and fundamentalists to try and strive towards a harmonious coexistence in the community.

SIDENOTE: People wishing to help out on the campaign in Davis through contributions, advice or legwork are asked to call the Davis Gay Task Force, Monday through Friday between 2 and 6 p.m. at 753-2090.

HANDICAP~ABLE

by Tony Martin

Well, here it is February and I am still trying to become more than a two-fingered typist. But I do somehow manage to get the main idea across, or so I like to think. This month I am going to address a couple of issues that have come up which bother not only me but quite a few others.

I was told not too long ago that while I am a very nice person I really should stick to my own kind. This was told to me by a young man who felt so sincere and well meaning in his beliefs that he simply couldn't understand why I was so upset at his reasoning. He felt that since I am an amputee that I should stick to other amputees in order to satisfy my romantic inclinations. His reasons were that only someone with a similar handicap could or would comfortably be with me in an intimate situation. He said that while he believed that I was really a terrific guy that I shouldn't expect normal people to want to deal with my handicap.

I was at first hurt then angry. But being an adult, or at least trying to act as one, I said only that I hoped in time he would understand where his thinking was wrong. I began to ask around and found that much to my surprise that I was not the only handicapped person to come across this attitude. Not all people feel this way, but apparently enough do that it somehow becomes accepted as normal to not think of handicapped people in a sexual way.

I have heard people say that they thought that handicapped people somehow managed to elevate their minds to such an extent that sex was not an issue in their lives any longer. That we somehow had either risen above that or else we simply related among ourselves. Well, I don't want to make waves or destroy anyone's illusions, but speaking for all the handicapped people in the world, we still like sex. There, I said it. It is now in print, so that makes it official.

Now, we all function differently for different reasons. But we all have the same basic needs. To tell me or any other person to stick to their own kind is tantamount to murder. Yes, murder. For when you isolate any segment of society for simply being different you are in essence denying that segment of society the basic tools of survival. The need and right to know them and to learn from them. To learn about one another and to love each in the same way. That is, to allow us all to compete on an equal level. Not based on physical qualities or frailties, but on an inner level of basic human need. That need to love and be loved. To give in whatever manner or fashion we so desire so long as we give from the heart.

So now I am going to start something which I hope will help us all to better know and understand one another. I am beginning a nude encounter group. Not for the purpose of sexual titilation but true enlightment. Perhaps if we can see one another in an open and totally free manner we will begin to see that we all have the same basic beauty. Not just the beauty of the physical but the true inner beauty which makes us all beautiful. This group will not strive for anything other than better understanding.

If you feel you might be interested then please call 486-8176. The first meeting will be February 15 at 8 p.m. But if you are not into nudity, don't worry. The state of undress is strictly optional. You are more than welcome to come and simply learn both about us and with us. The first session will not be nude. They will be to begin learning what our fears are—what we fear from ourselves or from others — and how to overcome those fears. And finally to destroy the worst handicap of all, prejudice. For that is the one handicap we all have in some form or another.

Here's hoping some of you will want to know more about yourselves and others. We are all here together so we should try and take care of one another. For we are all we have.

Jo Daly and Former Chief Join S.F.'s Police Board

by Marshall Kilduff, San Francisco Chronicle

Mayor Dianne Feinstein appointed lesbian activist Jo Daly and former police chief Al Nelder to the San Francisco Police Commission, indicating she intends to keep a close watch over law enforcement in San Francisco.

Daly will be the first openly gay person to serve on the commission, and the appointment fulfills a Feinstein campaign promise to gay backers who voted heavily for her in the mayoral election last month.

But rumors of Daly's impending selection spurred a furious if unsuccessful round of lobbying by gay leaders, who fear Daly will prove to be too conservative and too closely linked to Feinstein to be an outspoken critic of police programs.

Gay political clubs had made the police commission post a major test in choosing Feinstein over her opponent, Quentin Kopp who refused to promise he would appoint a gay commissioner.

Both Daly, 33 and Nelder, 65, are longtime political acquaintances of Feinstein, and the mayor emphasized their close relations with her as a major reason she chose them.

Feinstein has made police work a personal and political pet project during her career. Her first major move since being elected major was to select a new police chief, Cornelius Murphy.

Before swearing in the commissioners, Feinstein said that overseeing the police department "will be my greatest priority" and the new appointees are "absolutely critical."

The selection of Daly and Nelder is "my personal stamp of approval on the San Francisco Police Department," she added.

She introduced Nelder, who rose through the ranks to become chief and later was a member of the Board of Supervisors, as "one of my most trusted friends and advisers."

While both Feinstein and Nelder were on the board, Nelder frequently carried Feinstein's legation, spoke on her behalf and voted with her on most measures.

During the mayoral campaign last fall, Nelder made speeches for her and appeared with her at political functions.

Feinstein said Daly was selected after several interviews with gay leaders, including Supervisor Harry Britt, who favored other gay candidates.

"I'm aware of the fact that some people feel that gay women can't represent gay men," she said.

"But that's the same thing that was said of me" when, Feinstein said, she first ran for supervisor. "People said that I couldn't represent the interests of men."

The mayor said she had chosen Daly because she was "loyal to the administration" and is "someone I know and someone I trust."

Feinstein said she passed over David Scott, a mayoral candidate who later supported Feinstein, because he would not rule out future political ambitions.

Daly and her companion, Nancy Achilles, who was press secretary to Feinstein campaign manager Don Bradley, solemnized their relationship in the garden of the mayor's Pacific Heights home on October 2, 1977. Daly is a computer consultant who, until yesterday, was a member of the city Board of Permit Appeals.

Daly is also past president of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and former statewide chairwoman of the Gay Caucus of the California Democratic Council.

Her move to the police commission gives the mayor a chance to fill Daly's appeals board chair. the so-called "gay seat" on that board, which has been occupied by a gay man or lesbian since 1975.

Harrison Speaks on Psychiatric Treatment of Gays

by Ellen McCord

At its January meeting, the Sacramento Gay Speaker's Bureau sponsored Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, psychiatrist, in a presentation/discussion on the history of medical and psychiatric treatment of gays. The presentation, heard by over 25 people, was the first in a series intended to educate the gay community on topics of particular interest to lesbians and gays. The public is invited to attend the presentation.

Dr. Harrison, a little nervous at first, began her presentation by pointing out that prior to the presence of Christianity, homosexuality was as an accepted part of the social structure in this country.

According to Dr. Harrison, psychiatric treatments of homosexuals began in the 1800's. Through the legal system of the time, gays could be punished by death, imprisonment, or castration. The psychiatric system took a more benevolent approach and locked gays in asylums. Dr. Harrison traced the development of psychiatric treatment of gays from "therapeutic castration," through psychoanalysis (frequently to reverse homosexuality), shock therapy, lobotomy, and aversion therapy.

Various research studies were cited in which researchers expressed surprise that many of their gay subjects did not wish to have their behavior reversed and were happy being gay. "It was seen as pathological that gays should state they are happy and don't want to change. Psychiatrists warned against sympathizing with gays as it would increase this psychopathologic view," stated Dr. Harrison.

Challenging the professionals in her own field, Dr. Harrison questioned assumptions in and attitudinal approaches to psychiatric treatment studies of gays. "Heterosexual patients are not approached solely in terms of being specimens who have intercourse," she said. "They aren't research studies of how many heterosexual women choose men partners due to conflicts with women."

Dr. Harrison closed her presentation by emphasizing the importance of how gays select therapists. She stressed the importance of choosing a gay therapist or choosing one who associated with gays outside the therapy. She felt it was imperative that a therapist have positive approaches to gays and gayness and the ability to see his or her gay client as a unique, diverse individual.

Responses to audience questions were spiced with witicisms and anecdotes. Dr. Harrison treated the subject with the seriousness it warranted and balanced the grim nature of the topic with humor. The presentation was very informative and imparted the over-all message that some of the worst persecution of gays has been by mental health practitioners attempting to understand and change homosexual behavior.

This first guest speaker's night sponsored by the Speakers Bureau was quite good and, according to Kevin Casey, the next one is slated for April. The Speakers Bureau plans to choose guest speakers with a dual purpose in mind: first, to provide members of the Bureau with information that may be useful to them in their dealings with the public, and second, to provide the gay community access to interesting experts in various aspects of gay culture.

Journal Seeks Articles on Gay Literature

The **Journal of Homosexuality** has announced plans for a special issue featuring homosexuality and literature, to be published in 1981 or 1982.

Stuart Kellogg, manuscript editor of the **Journal of Homosexuality**, told of the plans during the recent Modern Language Association convention in San Francisco and invited interested writers to submit manuscripts.

According to Kellogg, "The emphasis of the issue will be on the literary works themselves, as opposed to the lives of the authors."

He gave the following examples of suitable subjects for articles: an analysis of why a character is homosexual and what his or her homosexuality contributes to the author's design; a study of the political effects of gay liberation on the novels or the 1970's; an examination of how an author has depicted homosexuality, love, and romantic friendship; a documented response to the question, "Is there a gay sensibility in literature?"

For more information about submission requirements such as form and length, or to make recommendations concerning the content of the issue, write to Stuart Kellogg, Manuscript Editor, **Journal of Homosexuality**, Center for Homosexual Education, Evaluation, and Research, Psychology Building Room 502, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 94132.

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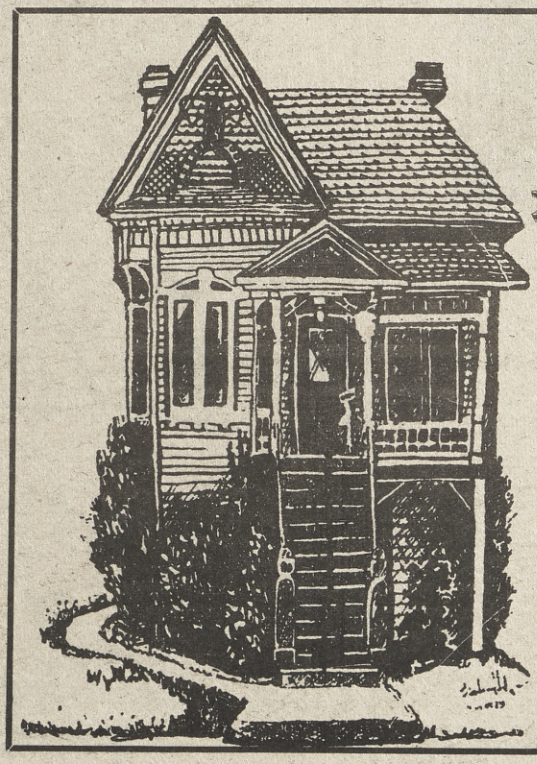

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2-SAT GAIL GLATZEL speaks on "Amnesia Victims: Renaissance & Revolution thru Herstory." Sacto. Women for Equality. FOCUS 2 lecture series. Redwood Room. CSUS. 10:30 a.m. $3.75. ERA fundraiser.

2-SAT SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY Master Series #5. Jose Serebrier conducting Saint Saens' Piano Concerto No. 5. Community Center Theater, 8:30 pm and Sunday Feb. 3, 3 pm Mini Series #2 repeats above on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 pm. Call 488-0800 for tickets and information.

3-SUN FREDA SMITH PREACHING: 11 am, "A Prophet Without Honor, and 7:15 pm "Fundamentals of the Faith: The Holy Spirit" at Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street. Everyone welcome.

6-WED FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY PRESENTATION BY ANN FORFREEDOM. CSUS Women's Coalition general meeting. 7 pm. Oak Room. CSUS University Union. Child Care and signing.

7-THUR "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" comedy by Doric Wilson, presented by Theatre Rhinoceros, Goodman Bldg, 1115 Geary, S.F., 8:30 pm, $4. Info and reservations, (415) 776-1848.

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8-FRI "NORMAN IS THAT YOU?" See Feb. 1 listing.

9-SAT "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb. 8 listing.

9-SAT VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY. Bring your favorite Valentine to this annual party at MCC, 2741 34th St., 8 pm. Everyone welcome.

10-SUN FREDA SMITH PREACHING: 11 am, "The Conditions of a Miracle" and 7:15 pm, "Fundamentals of the Faith: Sin" at Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. Everyone welcome.

10-SUN MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM TRYOUTS at Wm. Land Park Softball Field, 1 pm.

10-SUN YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT #2, Sacto. High, 3 pm, $2. Call 488-0800 for information.

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10-SUN NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT benefit for Sacto. Women's Sports League at the Parking Lot, 7 pm. Tickets at Women's Center Bookstore.

10-17 GAY AWARENESS WEEK, UC DAVIS. Panel discussions, speakers, entertainment. Weekdays noon - 1 pm on UCD campus. Call 753-2090 for details of events. Sponsored by UCD Gay Students Union.

13-WED ADVOCATES FOR GAY STATE EMPLOYEES meeting, 6 pm at the Incredible Edible.

13-WED DIGNITY RAP, 7-9 pm. For info and location call 635-5005 or 635-8236.

13-WED REGISTRATION DEADLINE, Camping Women Weekend at Willow, Feb 15-17 (Friday-Sunday) for all women. $30. Call Billie Hamilton for info & reservations, 461-7614, or call Camping Women at 488-1297.

13-WED Planning meeting for 1980 Sacramento Gay Parade and Rally. Sutter Middle School, rm. 109, Alhambra and I, 7:30 pm, 446-7241.

14-THUR "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb. 7 listing.

15-FRI NUDE ENCOUNTER GROUP first meeting, 8 pm. Call Tony Martin, 486-8176, for info.

15-FRI "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb. 8 listing.

15-FRI MOVIES AND MORE: A 40's evening. "Adam's Rib," newsreel, cartoon, live entertainment, refreshments, 8 pm, YWCA, 17th and L Streets. YWCA members $2.50; general $3.50.

15-FRI SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY Chamber Series #3, Carter Nice conducting at Fremont Presbyterian Church. Call 488-0800 for tickets and information.

15-FRI "NORMAN IS THAT YOU?" See Feb. 1 listing.

16-SAT "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb. 8 listing.

16-SAT DANCE to conclude UCD Gay Awareness Week, at the Silo. 9:30 pm - 1:30 am. Sponsored by UCD Gay Students Union.

17-SUN FREDA SMITH PREACHING: 11 am, "Transfigured," and 7:15 pm, "Fundamentals of the Faith: Judgements" at Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. Everyone welcome.

17-SUN MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM TRYOUTS at Wm. Land Park Softball Field, 1 pm.

17-SUN "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb. 10 listing.

19-TUES SPEAKERS BUREAU TRAINING WORKSHOP, Part I, 7-9:30 pm, Wm. Land School, 2120 12th St. For info or to register call Jeanette Hess, 371-0193 or Stan Hadden, 481-3011 (evenings).

20-WED ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE marks the beginning of Lenten season at Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St, 7:15 pm.

21-THUR "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb. 8 listing.

22-FRI "NORMAN IS THAT YOU?" See Feb. 1 listing.

23-SAT FASHION DESIGNERS GUILD AUDITIONS. Male & Female models. North Ave. Elementary School. 1-2:30 pm. Call Natasha, 362-8457.

23-SAT SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY Master Series #6, Guest artist Elmar Oliveira performs Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. 8:30 pm and Sunday Feb 24, 3 pm. Call 488-0800 for tickets and information.

24-SUN FRIEND DAY at Metropolitan Community Church. Hear Freda Smith preaching at 11 am, "The Battle of Temptation" and 7:15 pm, "Fundamentals of the Faith: Rewards" at MCC, 2471 34th St.

24-SUN MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM TRYOUTS at Wm. Land Park Softball Field, 1 pm.

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27-WED DIGNITY RAP, 7-9 pm. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & N Streets.

28-THUR "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb 7 listing.

29-FRI "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb 8 listing.

29-FRI "NORMAN IS THAT YOU?" See Feb 1 listing.

MARCH

1-SAT ELLEN GEIGER speaks on "Women of Power: Issues for the 80's." Sacramento Women for Equality FOCUS II lecture series. Redwood Room, CSUS. 10:30 am. $3.75. ERA fundraiser.

1-SAT "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb 8 listing.

2-SUN HEAR FREDA SMITH PREACHING at 7:15 pm, "Fundamentals of the Faith: The Church" at Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. Everyone welcome.

2-SUN MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM TRYOUTS at Wm. Land Park Softball Field, 1 pm.

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6-THUR " A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP" See Feb 7 listing.

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16-SUN WOMEN'S SOFTBALL ORGANIZING MEETING, 6 pm. Call 444-7353 or 457-8715 for information.

16-SUN "A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP See Feb 10 listing.

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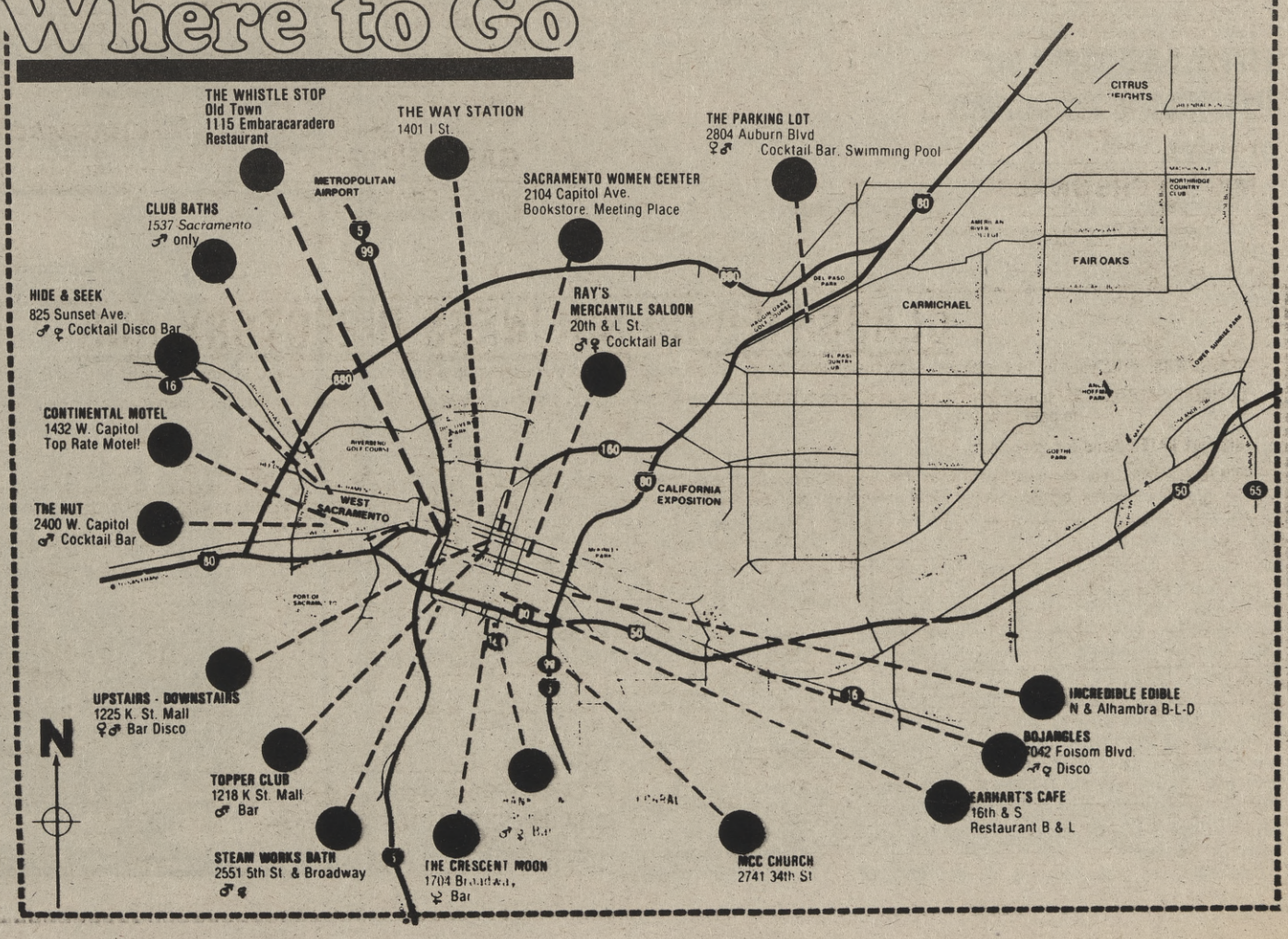

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